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LORD LOTHIAN



Envoy's Death Shocks Britain

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The news of Lord Lothian's death has deeply shocked Britain, especially as it was totally unexpected and came while the Ambassador was so much in the public eye as a spokesman for the British cause in a country where its advocacy is just now of vital importance to the whole Allied cause.

The news cast gloom over the members of all Parties in Parliament. Many expressed the view that he would be hard to replace, for he had won a position for himself of distinctive eminence.

It is understood that Mr. Butler, the Counsellor, will carry out the duties of Ambassador for the time being.

Delayed Announcement
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The delay in announcing Lord Lothian's death may be explained by the Embassy's desire to notify President Roosevelt, formally first. The President is at present cruising in the Caribbean Sea.

Roosevelt Message
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt sent a message to Mr. George VI. saying, "I am shocked beyond measure to hear of the sudden passing of my old friend, your Ambassador Lothian."

"Through nearly a quarter of a century we had come to understand and to trust each other."

"I am very certain that if he had been allowed by Providence to leave a last message, he would have told us that the greatest of all efforts to keep democracy in the world must and will succeed."

Loss To Diplomacy
LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Lord Lothian's death is an irreparable loss.

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Far Reaching Blow Of British In N. Africa

By "Reuter's" Chief Diplomatic Correspondent
LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The crushing blows inflicted on Mussolini's army in Africa are calculated to have almost a decisive effect on the course of the war. The Italian Fleet must now either accept battle or the Duce's Legionnaires in North Africa can be considered lost.

The Italian defeat will be felt politically not only in Europe but all over the East.

EL SOLLUM CAPTURED BY BRITISH FORCES, SAYS ANKARA REPORT

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, DEC. 12 (UP).—IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE ANKARA RADIO TO-DAY THAT BRITISH TROOPS HAD CAPTURED EL SOLLUM, STRATEGICAL TOWN ON THE LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN FRONTIER.

HOWEVER, MILITARY CIRCLES IN LONDON DECLARED THEY HAD NO CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT.

ITALIANS FLEE IN DISORDER

Retreat For 50 Miles

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Dec. 12 (UP).—It is reported that British forces have reached the Libyan frontier, which, if true, means that the Italian troops have been cleared from Egyptian soil. Additionally it means that the British offensive has penetrated 50 miles.

British mechanised units are shadowing the retreating Italians, who are reported to be withdrawing in disorder and abandoning their war material and equipment.

Meanwhile infantry and other slower units are thoroughly cleaning up the entire area.

It is estimated that the Italian prisoners include many crack Blackshirt units.

Bayonet Fighting
CAIRO, Dec. 12 (UP).—Official reports here state that the attack on El Sidi Barrani was made at the point of the bayonet over wide semi-circles for 20 and 40 miles. The British troops broke in among the fortified camps surrounding the base, mopping them up one by one and driving the Italian

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Clipper Leaving At Noon To-morrow

In order to make up time on the homeward trip, the "California Clipper" will arrive in Hongkong tomorrow morning, December 14, at approximately 10.30, departing again for Manila at 12 Noon.

The Hongkong General Post Office advises that registered mails will close at the General Post Office at 3.30 a.m.

The "California Clipper" is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco on December 21.

P. O. Announcement
The Postmaster-General announces that in consequence of a sudden change in the departure schedule of the plane, the air mail for Pan-American Airways Service will be closed at the General Post Office, Hongkong, and Central Post Office, Kowloon, on Saturday, December 14 as follows:

Registered mail 3.30 a.m.
Ordinary mail 9.00 a.m.

Inspiration To Many
The effect of the Italian reverses will be most inspiring in the Balkans. The Greeks will be encouraged to further acts of valour and the extent of the help that Britain will be able to give may be increased.

Yugoslavia's hands will be strengthened, the wisdom of Turkish policy justified, and Axis propaganda in Bulgaria will suffer a severe set-back.

The many friends of Britain in France will derive fresh hope and encouragement from this British victory.

It will increase France's value in German eyes, but it will make M. Laval's policy more unpopular and disastrous to French

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No Indo-China Rice For Kwangchowwan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HANOI, Dec. 12 (UP).—It is reliably stated that the French, last Tuesday, agreed to discontinue the shipments of rice from Indo-China to Kwangchowwan.

The Japanese are believed to be trying to reserve the Indo-China rice harvest for themselves.

Thailand-Indo-China Problems

Hanoi Statement
By KARL ESKEKUND
"UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT

HANOI, Dec. 12 (UP).—The Indo-China Government spokesman said to-day, "The Thai radio this morning announced that Thailand is expecting the arrival of a French Commission to settle the border disputes."

"The Commission has been waiting in Indo-China since last October for the purpose of proceeding to Bangkok to meet the Thai Commission, as officially requested, but Thailand has not answered the request."

"Last June, Thailand and Indo-China agreed in principle to the ratification of the border problem, over which ratification letters were exchanged, but the French letter to Bangkok from Paris was lost in transit and therefore Paris sent a telegram."

"Thailand is now making it a point that France was unable to send a letter of ratification. Meanwhile, Thailand has demanded further border changes which we referred to Vichy and thereafter, the incidents began. Our Commission is still waiting to leave whenever Thailand officially sets a date."

Commission At Work
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Dec. 12 (UP).—The morning newspapers here to-day announced that a mixed German and Russian Central Commission for the question of boundaries has completed, and is fixing the details of the line of demarcation of the Russo-German boundary.

It corresponds with the line fixed by the German-Russian Boundary and Friendship Pact of September 28, 1939, and the additional protocol of October 4, 1939.

The announcement said that details have been worked out "in the spirit of the very friendly relations which have existed for the past ten months."

20,000 Italian Prisoners

CAIRO, Dec. 12 (UP).—General headquarters announce that the Italians are continuing to withdraw on the Western Desert and estimated that more than 20,000 Italians were taken prisoner including one commander, and two Generals commanding divisions.

Tanks, guns and equipment of all types were taken.

"On the Sudan front, our patrols continued to harass the enemy," the announcement concluded.

Panic Retreat To El Sollum
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CAIRO, Dec. 12 (UP).—R.A.F. headquarters, on the Western Desert, reported yesterday that nine enemy planes were destroyed and that general activity is at a minimum to-day.

"Both bomber and fighter aircraft continued to support the army offensive by bombing every Italian advanced aerodrome and attacking enemy troops."

"The Blackshirt troops in large numbers are retreating to El Sollum and are being heavily machine-gunned and thrown into utter confusion. In the same area, a large quantity of mechanized transport was successfully bombed."

"Several tons of bombs were dropped on El Sollum, while the enemy landing grounds at Gambut, Azza, Menastir, El Dam, El Gubbi, Derna, Temimi and El Gazala were raided. A number of enemy aircraft dispersed on the ground was destroyed. One of our planes has not returned."

Headlong Retreat
CAIRO, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The British offensive in the Western Desert is developing so fast that rumours of a headlong Italian retreat are circulating in Cairo and Alexandria.

It is communique tend to minimise our successes rather than to make claims until they have been confirmed beyond doubt.

It is thus reasonable to suppose that the figure of 20,000 prisoners given in the latest communique is an underestimate.

The speed of the offensive has meant that communique has hardly been issued before fresh important advances and captures were taking place.

It may be days before the exact number of prisoners, guns and tanks taken is known.

Brilliant Strategy
As the picture of the first three days of fighting are fitted together at G.H.Q., from reports arriving from the desert front, it becomes evident that the Middle East Command, with a brilliant piece of strategy planned

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U.S. Crews Protest Against Shipments To Japan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12 (UP).—The crews of the Lykes Brothers steamships the Reuben Tilton, the James Lykes and the Nehama, to-day protested against the shipment of war supplies to Japan, but their contracts prevent them from coming out on strike.

The Reuben Tilton was loading crude oil and naptha for Japan.

The crews have addressed a petition to President Roosevelt drawing attention to "the Government giving encouragement and permission for the sale and disposition of materials for murder and death" to be used against the democratic fight of the Chinese people.

Farmers' Subsidy

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Hill sheep farmers in the U.K. are to receive a special subsidy to supplement this year's returns. It is announced in the House of Commons by Mr. Brown, Minister for the Interior for Scotland.

The subsidy, based on breeding stocks, is to be 2s. 6d. in respect of each breeding ewe.

Yesterday's Big Air Battle Over Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Dec. 12 (UP).—Night fighters and ground defences grappled with raiders in four corners of England and Wales this morning as the Luftwaffe tried to press home one of the most extensive raids so far.

However, only two points had reported serious bombing up to midnight.

High explosive and incendiary bombs fell in a Midlands town and a town on the northeast coast.

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HATCHING CIVIL WAR IN FRANCE

New Revelations
MADRID, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—"Anyone who thinks that the de Gaulle movement is just a matter of a few rebel generals, knows little of the situation," declares the Paris correspondent of the Spanish newspaper "Ya."

The correspondent continues that the movement represents considerably more; it gives energy to "the germ of civil war which is hatching in France and which only the German army of occupation forestalls."

The correspondent adds that surprise is expressed in Paris that Generals de Gaulle, Catroux and Legentilhomme have only recently been deprived of French citizenship by the Vichy Government, but notes that Vichy is showing tardy signs of taking serious steps against the de Gaulle Government.

Paris, he says, is discussing a possible further reshuffle in the Vichy Government whereby M. Alibery would leave the Cabinet and M. Pierre Flandin would become Minister for the Interior while M. Payronnet would become a Minister.

THE MAN OF THE MOMENT



Lieut-Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, K.C.B., C.M.G., M.C., who is supreme director of the present successful British offensive in the Western Desert.

Desperate Counter-Attack Defeated

Greeks Hurl Back Italians

By BEN AMES
"UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ATHENS, Dec. 12 (UP).—On the basis of despatches from the front, well informed quarters here express the opinion that the Greeks have smashed General Soddus's desperate attempt to recapture the northern heights of the Mokra range which form the greatest obstacle to the Greek advance on El Bassan.

The heights still remain in Greek hands after a fierce three-day battle, in which the Italians used their crack Alpine ski troops for the first time.

It was an infantryman's battle spread along a 30-mile front.

Advance Continues
BUDAPEST, Dec. 12 (UP).—The Greek advance along the entire front is continuing, unhampered by bad weather or enemy resistance, according to the Greek radio news bulletin published by the Greek War Ministry to-day.

The Greeks have retained the initiative everywhere and the Italian morale is very low, reinforcements from Italy having failed to prevent a continuous Italian retreat.

The Greeks continue to push towards Himel. Further east the Italians have been driven back fighting a rearguard action in the direction of Tepella. On the north front the Greeks have broken the resistance of six Alpine battalions and have captured several important heights.

Colonel Pardo, commander of an

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U.S. Ships Purchased

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (UP).—British interests, acting through J. H. Winchester & Company, to-day bid \$310,000 for fifteen vessels laid up by the Federal Maritime Commission as a cargo fleet.

LATEST

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MANNHEIM BOMBED BY R.A.F.

Extensive Damage
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 12 (UP).—R.A.F. bombers attacked the power station at Mannheim last night with heavy bombs and incendiaries.

"Immediately, fires broke out and were still burning when our aircraft left the scene," it was stated.

The report said the bombers were forced to fly through cold and thick clouds until they reached Mannheim when there was a sudden clearing. It was revealed that other bombers earlier attacked the railway sidings beside the Rhine at Mannheim, starting several fires and great explosions.

The inland harbour at Mannheim was also raided and the docks at Cahais, Boleigne and Aples were badly knocked about."

COLONY'S A.R.P. TUNNELS AS GOOD AS RAMSGATE'S

The A.R.P. tunnels now being constructed in Hongkong compare very favourably with those of Ramsgate, which have stood up so well to the Nazi blitzkrieg.

This information was given by Wing-Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, in a Press conference this morning.

In support of his view, Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins produced a "list" of figures compiled by Mr. Campbell, of the I.W.D., who is in charge of tunnelling arrangements in Hongkong, which showed that while Ramsgate is accommodating 3.3 persons per foot-length of tunnels, the local tunnels are based on three persons per foot-length. The area of the cross section Ramsgate tunnels is 42 square feet, whereas the Hongkong tunnels vary from 60 to 80 square feet.

It is also interesting to note that the surface area of walls, floor and ceiling per foot run in the Ramsgate

tunnels amount to 26 square feet, whereas the Hongkong tunnels average 32½ square feet. The cost per foot run also is very much cheaper in Hongkong than in Ramsgate, and although it is admitted that labour is probably cheaper here, the cost of construction and materials is very much higher and is not in all instances controlled by Government.

Again, the tunnels in Ramsgate require no timbering whereas those in Hongkong have all had to be shored up, which naturally increases the price very much.

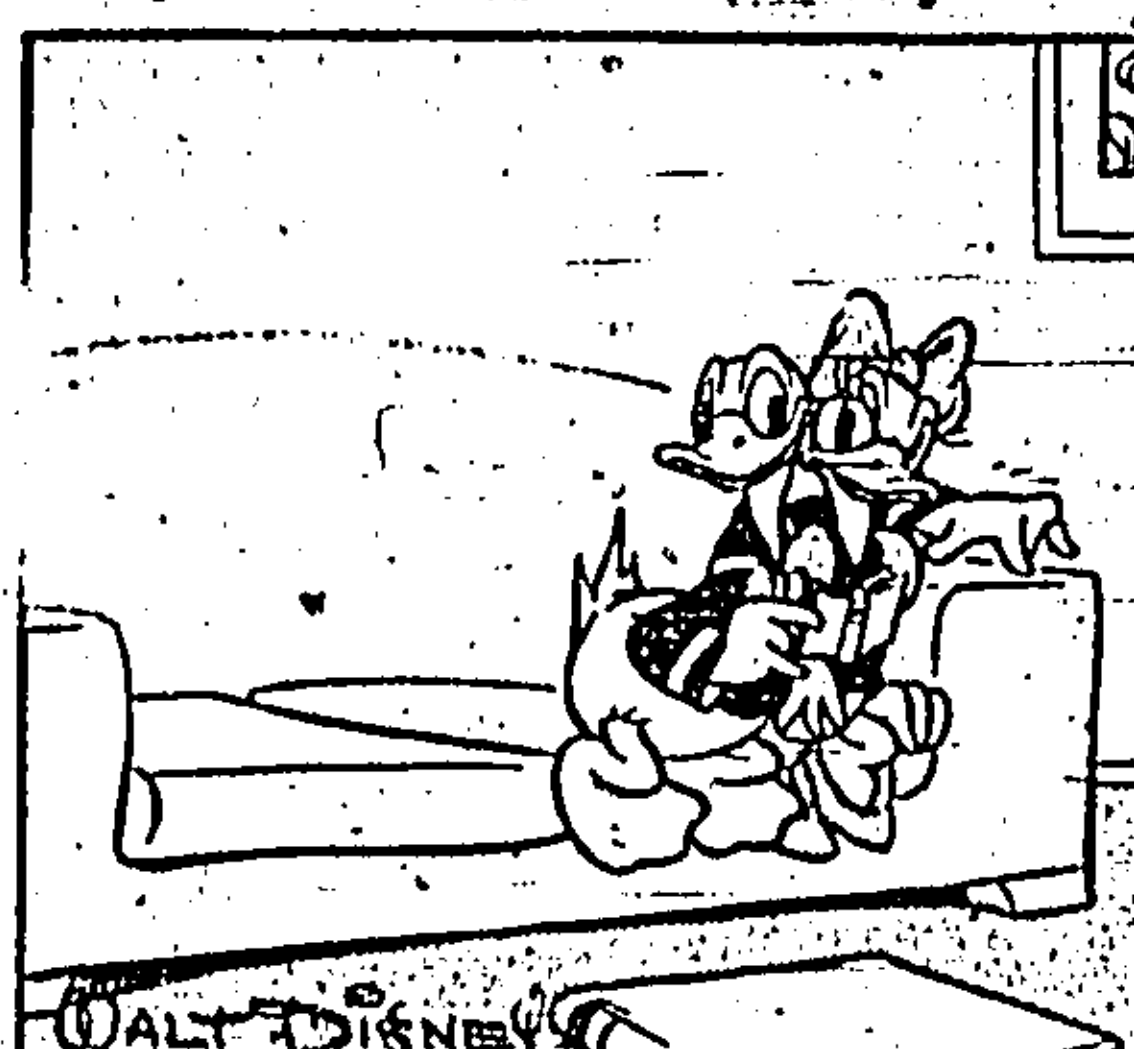
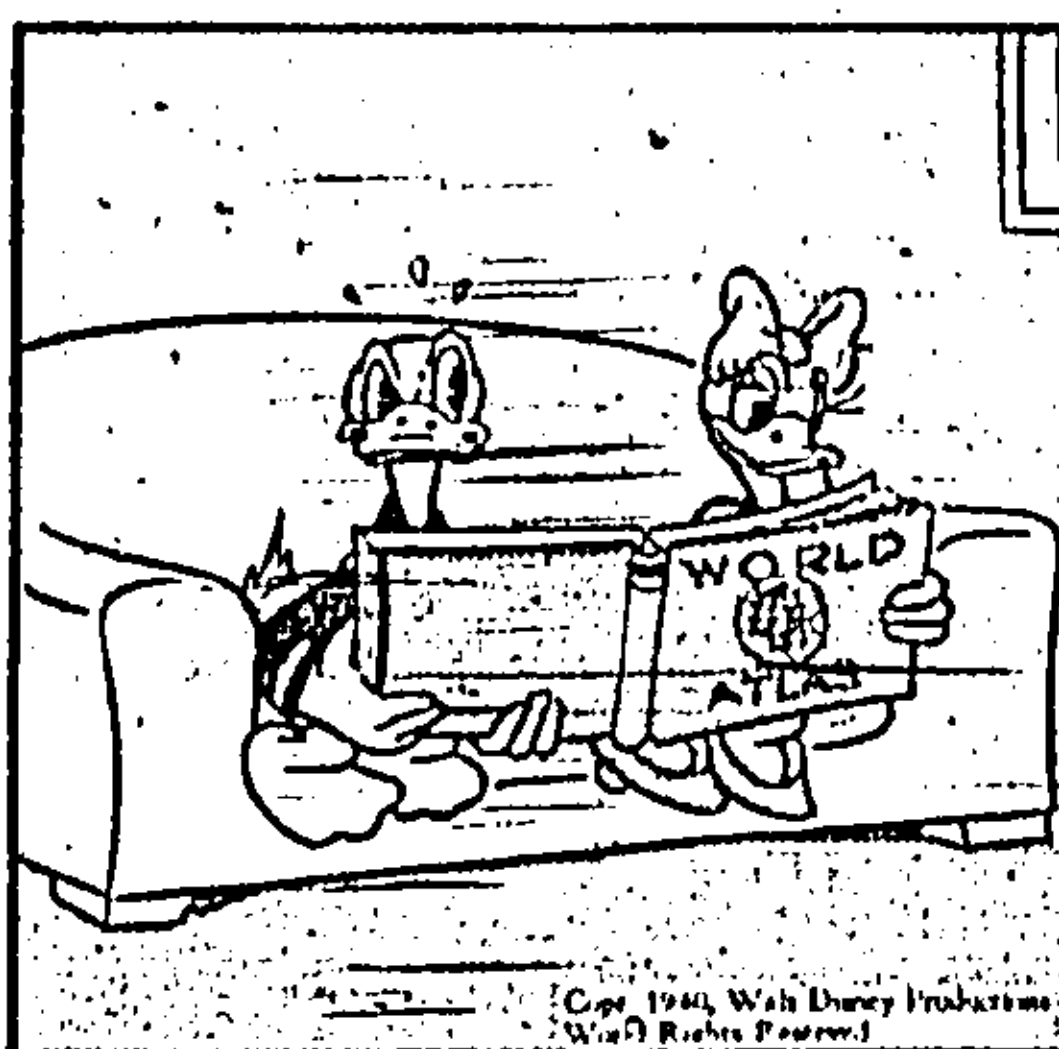
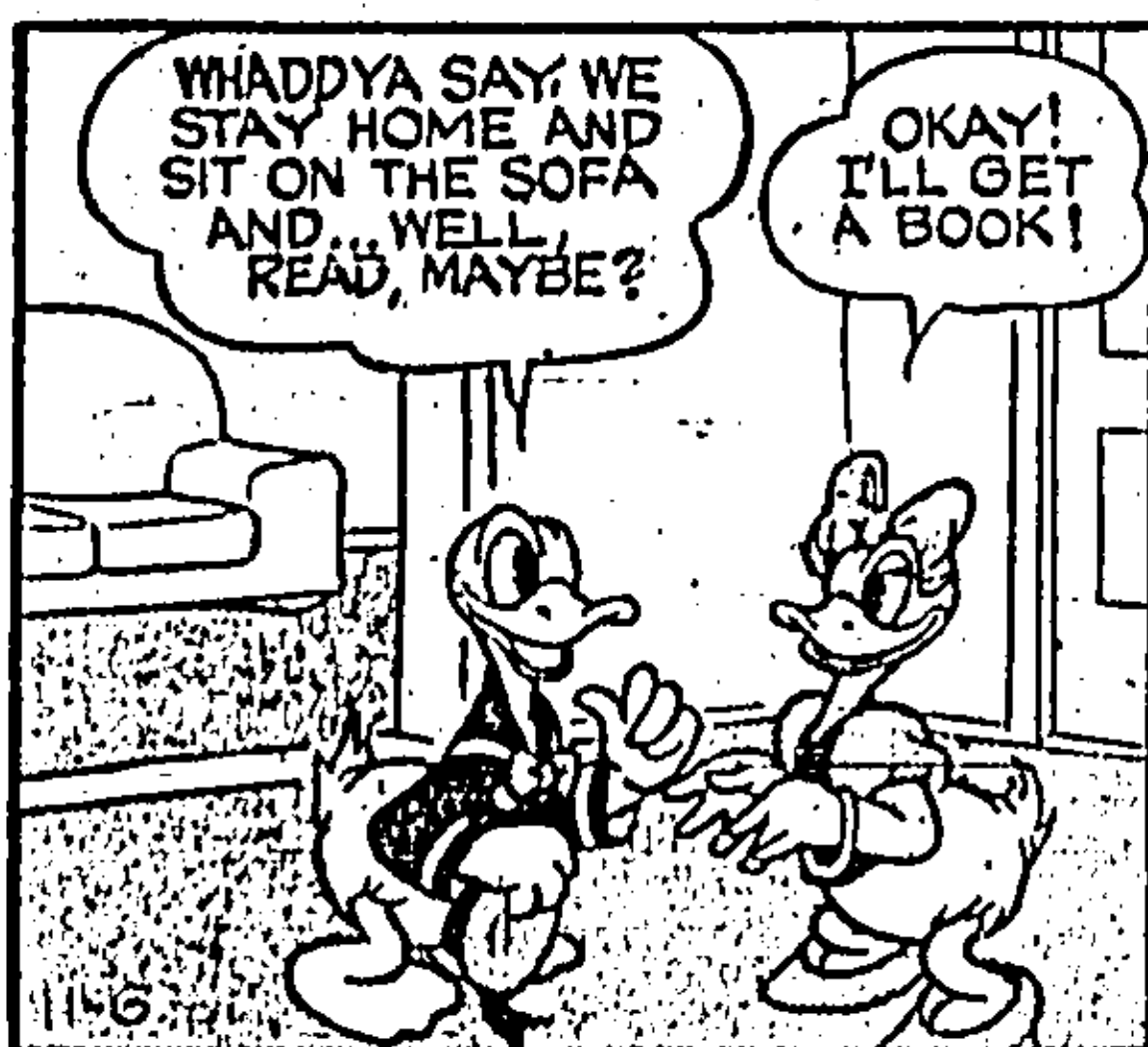
Satisfactory Progress
The construction of tunnels in the Colony, Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins also revealed, is progressing satisfactorily, and accommodation for the inhabitants is rapidly on the increase. The tunnel programme was originally

intended to cover a construction period of 18 months, but it is now expected that all the work will be finished within 12 months.

The possibility of making use of nullahs as another means of protection is being investigated, and experiments have already been carried out in Kowloon. Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins was of the opinion that those would provide extremely good protection, although of course in the event of rain it might not be possible to use them, but in fine weather they would serve an extremely useful purpose. Similar surveys have now been made of the nullahs in Hongkong.

Sites for new tunnels are being investigated in the Central Police Station, Leighton Hill and at a place between Bonham Road and Hospital Road.

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cruciating emptiness where one's heart ought to be. Oh, Jane, I love him so much. I'm so dreadfully unhappy. With great effort she controlled herself. "How selfish I'm being," she sobbed as she dried her eyes. "As if I were the only one to be unhappy. Jane, my poor darling. You never did anything wrong — but look what happened between you and Mr. Bingley. Oh, it's not fair!"

"I'm not really unhappy, Lizzy," Jane whispered. "It was worse at the beginning when I was always expecting him to write, or even come back. But now I don't do that any more. I only dream of him. You'll have to learn to dream, too, Lizzy. Like I do."

And, their arms about each other, the two sisters wept out their heartache.

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—Mr. Bennett returned from London, his mission a failure. Lydia

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

Adapted from the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture

by GERTRUDE GELBIN

Chapter Five

FAMILY SKELETON

And then tragedy overtook the entire Bennet household.

Lydia, without bothering to stop for a marriage licence, eloped to London with George Wickham.

Mrs. Bennet took to her bed, overwhelmed by the disgrace which followed in the wake of her daughter's mad caprice. Not only did the elopement set Lydia aside the pale, she scolded and ranted forever all chance of marriage for her four other daughters.

Jane, returning from London, and Elizabeth, back from her visit to Charlotte, accepted this result with grim silence. Since Dingley was lost to her, Jane had no interest in husbands. Elizabeth, having finally refused Darcy's offer of marriage, settled her mind to the fact that she'd live and die a spinster.

Through Charlotte's husband, Mr. Collins, Darcy heard of the scandal. His immediate reaction was to take the first coach to Meryton, and upon arrival, set out at once for the Bennet home.

Mary rushed to tell Elizabeth that Darcy was in the parlour waiting to speak to her.

Darcy rose from his chair as she entered.

"Mr. Darcy!" she greeted, her tone sharp with angry defiance. "May I ask what has brought you here?"

"Feel no alarm, Madam," he replied coldly. "I have no intention of re-opening the painful subject of marriage. After what you said the other day, that chapter is definitely closed. He paused, and his voice, when he again spoke, was gentle. "Bad news travels fast, Miss Bennet. A few hours after you left the Collins' home I heard about George Wickham and your sister. I felt it my duty to come at once."

"To triumph over us, I suppose," she answered bitterly. "To offer my services," he said kindly. Her amazed stare gave him momentary pause. "Miss Bennet," he continued, "I told you the other day that, where Wickham was concerned, I chose to be silent. What has happened to your sister has made me change my mind. You have a right to know the truth about Wickham. One must know the worst in order to be able to guard against it. Your sister's case was not the first, Miss Bennet."

Elizabeth paled. "Do you mean that Wickham has done this before?" she cried.

"To my own sister," he said unhappily.

"Your sister?" Elizabeth's unjust accusations against Darcy in regard to his attitude toward Wickham swept through her. Her acute distress that he should now be forced to take her into his confidence on a matter so painful and personal to him, made her speechless with grief and regret.

"My sister, Georgiana, was only fifteen when she fell under Wickham's spell," he said heavily. "She has a considerable fortune in her own right. His plan was to elope with her and then, under the threat of publishing her disgrace, to force me to consent to their marriage. By the mercy of Providence, I discovered the plot in time. Your sister has been less fortunate."

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A painful silence fell between them.

Darcy finally broke it. "Miss Bennet, may I ask if everything possible is being done to recover your sister?"

Elizabeth averted her face, trying to master her tears. "My father has gone to London. He and my uncle are searching for her."

"If there is any help I can give I should of course be only too happy."

She shook her head. "Thank you. But I'm sure they'll find her. It will all be settled somehow."

He felt as if he should go, but her profound distress stayed him. He tried to find some words of comfort for her, without success. "I'm afraid I've stayed too long," he faltered. "Goodbye."

"Goodbye," she whispered through her tears.

He looked at her for a long moment. "This is probably the last time I shall ever see you," he said slowly. "God bless you, Elizabeth Bennet."

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In another moment he was gone.

Elizabeth buried her face in her hands. What a tragic mistake she had made. How could she have so misjudged the man who meant so much to her. Why had she not sensed that not arrogance, nor pride, but some real and important reason had been behind Darcy's continued contempt for Wickham.

Jane found her weeping in the darkened room.

"Elizabeth!" she cried. "What has happened? Did Mr. Darcy offend you in some way?"

Elizabeth shook her head. "Oh, no, Jane. You don't understand. While I was visiting Charlotte, Mr. Darcy asked me to marry him."

"Lizzy! What did you say to him?"

"What did I say?" wept Elizabeth. "I said I never wanted to see him again! And now, suddenly, it's like having a kind of ex-

and Mr. Wickham were nowhere to be found. Now disgrace muddled the entire family with a vengeance. They were no longer in good standing with their neighbours. They were refused admittance to Meryton's annual celebration, the Assembly Ball. Street boys sang uncomplimentary songs about Lydia and Wickham. It was no longer safe for the girls to shop in the village. Jeers and taunts followed them everywhere.

And then, as unexpectedly as they had run away so unexpectedly did Lydia and George Wickham return.

Like the silly, selfish, irresponsible child she was, Lydia took no notice of the sorrowful strains to which she had reduced her family. All that was important, besides, everything was now changed.

For Lydia and George Wickham were married!

More, George had suddenly come into a fortune! He was vague about its source, but Mrs. Bennet was too excited at this suddenly unexpected "happy ending to a tragedy," to press the point. Let the whole family rejoice! Her own little Lydia — Lydia, who was just sixteen — was married! The baby of the Bennet family was the wife of a handsome, dashing, and (Oh! blessed thought), rich army officer.

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Into the mad excitement of the family reunion, strode the dour and stern person of Lady Catherine de Brough, Darcy's aunt.

She swept the Bennets with a haughty eye, dismissing the introduction to Wickham with the remark that his father had served in her family, offering acid comment in place of congratulations to Lydia, and in general leaving bewildered confusion and stunned hurt in her uninvited presence and highly offensive haughtiness.

"Mrs. Bennet," she finally announced, "I have come here solely to speak with your daughter, Miss Elizabeth. And I should like to talk to her alone."

Mrs. Bennet, overawed by the importance of the lady addressing her, hastily shoos her family from the room.

As the door closed, Lady Catherine swung about and faced Elizabeth.

"Miss Bennet," she began peremptorily. "You can be at no loss to understand the reason for my journey hither. Your own conscience must tell you that I have come to demand that you retract at once the rumour which has reached me."

Elizabeth stared at her in astonishment.

"I have been told," Lady Catherine continued severely, "that you, Miss Elizabeth Bennet are shortly to be engaged to my nephew, Mr. Darcy."

And, having fired her bomb, Lady Catherine de Brough sat

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



Life In Italy

WAR has radically changed Italian life, and the shortcomings of Fascism in wartime with its restrictions on personal liberty have, now that the nation is engaged in a major conflict merged into a struggle for existence.

Foreigner Italy's invisible export are rare as flies in the winter — except for Germans who come to get and not to give. A few neutrals with business interests find life difficult at the odd hundred British who stayed on have been set to the mountains to spend a lonely time for the duration.

Strangely enough, Florence, the city that used to thrive on English visitors, has become most unkind to them now that they have become enemies, and many were sent to jail when war began.

Britons in Rome, mostly elderly lies, perhaps amounting to a score, have had an easeltime. One woman living in the outskirts, of the city is allowed to live in heilla, and Italians soldiers are billeted in her park.

But it is, the North that the war is felt. Late nights are a big of the past. Since the R.F. raids began life shuts on at 11 p.m. Trains, bus, trams and cinemas, all before this hour, which is become a sort of unofficial frow.

The black out during the stifling summer months was difficult. Aps are still published in the Press asking people to be careful with their lights. When a raid is on, the mat is simpler — the current cut off at the

down in a er of righteous wrath.

Where did Catherine get this information. Can there be any truth in lead to-morrow's concluding chapter.

By Elisabeth Mackenzie

Complaints are published in the "Popolo di Roma," about the exorbitant prices for vegetables and fruit.

Shopkeepers increase the price set by the municipal authorities, so that grapes, which were 6d. a pound last year, are now 1s 6d. A list is published in the paper of over 200 green-grocers who are now in jail for profiteering.

Wine prices have been blocked because of attempts to corner this commodity, consumption of which has soared recently. Fish, the distribution and price of which have been controlled, is now insufficient to go round.

Sugar is also scarce. The ration of a pound a month continues, but chemists have had their stocks curtailed by 25 per cent.

Soviet Army Manoeuvres

Russia's Far Eastern troops are on manoeuvres near Khabarovsk, conducting joint exercises with units of the Amur flotilla of the Soviet Fleet, according to "Red Star," the Soviet Army newspaper.

It is also revealed that Red Fleet manoeuvres are still in progress in the Black Sea.

Crossword Puzzle

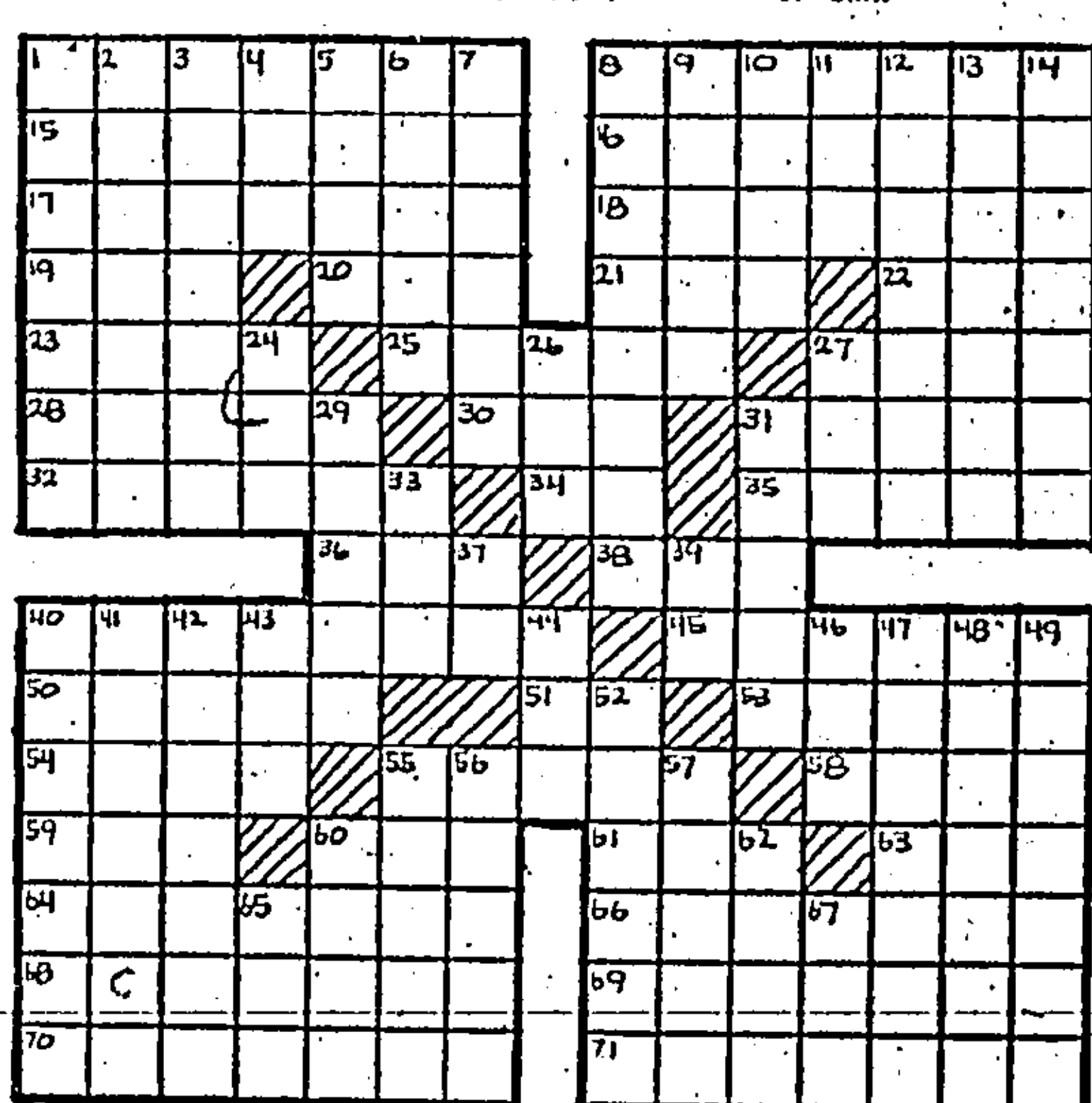
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Model of excellence
- Right of proving
- Small North American bird
- Footlet
- Government protection for inventor
- Copper arsenate
- West Indian sorcery
- Free from extraneous values
- Spanish copper coin
- Scientific rotating piece
- Travelling device for boats
- At no time
- Ill of hand
- Spread over
- How
- American quail
- Spring holiday
- In vicinity of
- Put into effect
- Swine fever
- Run
- Turned around
- Cut into thin pieces
- Shedder
- That thing
- Hot fresh
- Decimate by measurement
- Uttered in affected manner
- Unworked metals
- Quaint
- Close to bed
- Home owner
- Diverted from
- Years of life
- According to verbal statement

DOWN

- Placed in mind
- Gifts
- More unusual
- Chief Roman god
- Room for starting
- Head-like process
- Relative to lockjaw
- Fundamental
- Quantity
- Related to chair
- By way of
- Ornamental title of respect
- Shoes on hind legs
- Elementary mechanisms
- Arabian
- Concerning
- Done
- In accustomed way
- Starred by equivocation
- Pertaining to plants
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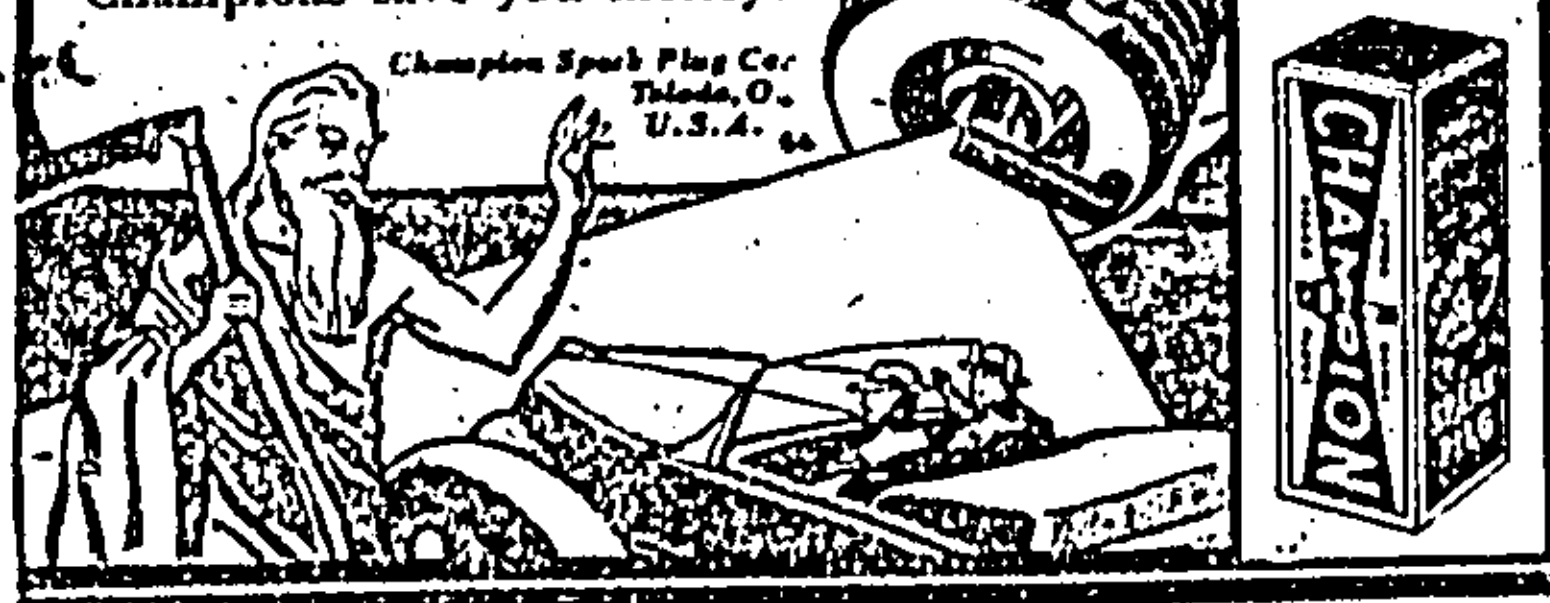
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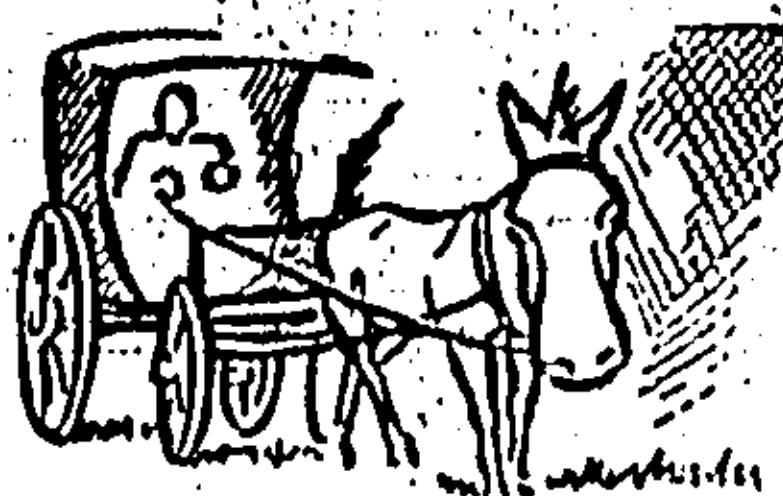
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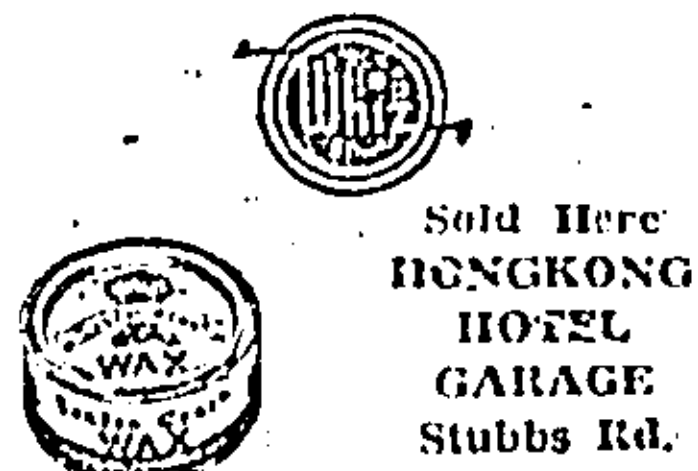
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THE FIRST VICTORY

THE BRITISH Empire has
won its first victory of this war
on the land. This is the cheer-
ful and invigorating news which
has resounded throughout the
peace-loving and democratic na-
tions of the world consequent
upon the British western desert
offensive, which has resulted in
the retaking of the important
sea town of Sidi Barrani and the
capture of three Italian generals
and several thousands of enemy
troops.

Timed to perfection and
carried out with initiative, gal-
lantry and precision, the sweep-
ingly successful drive made by
British and Dominion troops has
not only struck a serious blow
at the Italians—already depressed
and worried because of the
Greece fiasco—but has let the
world know that, given fair con-
ditions and proper leadership,
the Empire's soldiers still rank
as the finest in the universe.

The achievement in recaptur-
ing Sidi Barrani must not be
exaggerated from the military
viewpoint; it means that we
have regained something which
had previously been lost. Its
most potent aspect is that at
long last our troops have been
able to assume the offensive.
How long have they waited for
this moment! Norway, Flanders,
France, Dunkirk, British Som-
erland, northwestern Egypt!
They recall retreats, rearguard
fighting, defensive action—and
not a little disappointment. But
the Western Desert victory is
the outcome of a well-planned,
skilfully executed offensive, and
coming after so long and patient
a vigil, the fruits of that victory
taste all the sweeter.

And it is timely to appraise the
implications of the success. Its im-
mediate effect is to have relieved
Egypt and the Suez Canal of the
long-threatened Italian assault; it
has taken the initiative from Graz-
iani and his armies, and has created
a new strategic situation, pregnant
with possibilities. Libya has become
the country overshadowed by the
terrifying spectre of invasion, and

The best way to use our Army—"Its main function should be Surprise"

by
G. Ward Price

WHAT is the best way to
win the war? That we
shall win it no one in Britain
doubts, even while Hitler is
still at his strongest and do-
ing the worst of which he is
capable.

At present we are main-
taining a huge Navy, build-
ing up a mighty Air Force,
and creating an Army
several millions strong.
Supremacy in all three
forms of warfare is more
than the Germans them-
selves have attempted. Vast
though British resources
are, it is obviously wise to
concentrate them upon the
development of those arms
which will most quickly pro-
duce victory.

The present campaign has
already revealed one factor
in this problem which we
had underestimated. It has
proved the intrinsic strength
of our insular position to be
much greater than we had
ever believed.

Those responsible for British
strategy had always feared that
the capture of an enemy of the
ports on the other side of the
English Channel would bring
about our downfall. To avert
this danger was the principal
aim of British policy, both
diplomatic and military.

Yet now, at only the Chan-
nel ports, but those of the Nor-
wegian, Danish, Dutch, and
Belgian coasts well are in the
hands of the most formidable
foe we have ever faced.

The possession of these places
is of even greater advantage to
the enemy than it would have
been in an earlier war. Twenty-
five years ago the air
arm was mainly limited to local
activity. To-day our territory
can be continuously attacked
from the aeroplanes established
along that vast beyond the
Narrow Seas.

REVISE OLD STRATEGY

Our old principles of national
strategy are clearly, therefore,
in need of revision. The idea
that Britain's safety required us
to fight upon the Continent so
as to keep the enemy away from
the Straits of Dover need no
longer enter into our calculations.
The notion that "our
frontier lies on the Rhine" has
proved out of date by the test
of actual war.

Realisation of this fact should
give us encouragement. It con-
duces to the economy of our
strength. To send an immense
Expeditionary Force across the
Channel involves colossal cost in
men and money. Moreover, we
have never been good at fighting
these great military campaigns.
Our earlier wars against Euro-
pean Powers were won with
very limited participation of
British troops on the Continent.
There were only 9,000 of them
at Blenheim; no more than 30,
000 at Waterloo.

When we had not the help of
allied armies on the Continent,
we fought against Louis XVI,
and Napoleon upon the sea,
which has always been our most
advantageous battleground, or
else by sudden raids on Con-
tinental ports and invasions of
enemy colonial territories, to
which our command of the sea
gave us special facilities of ac-
cess.

NAPOLÉON'S SUCCESSOR

These methods, which beat
Napoleon, will beat Hitler, who
has succeeded to his position

to-day. The new factor of air
warfare will balance out, or
ultimately turn to our advan-
tage. Once we have added
supremacy in the air to our
supremacy on the seas, the
enemy can defeat us.

"Smash the Germans and
march to Berlin!" is a spirited
sentiment, but it would be the
longest and costliest path to
victory. Hitler would like
nothing better than to see us
land an Expeditionary Force to
fight him on his own ground,
where he is strongest. Even if,
after long and fierce struggle,
we beat the German Army, such
a victory would leave us ex-
hausted both of money and man-
power.

MILITARY operations, on
the huge scale that modern
warfare requires, may well cri-
ple the country that engages in
them. Hitler, despite his great-
ly superior resources, will be
starting on a hazardous adven-
ture, if—as is apparently his
intention—he follows up his in-
vasion of the Balkans by thrust-
ing forward through Asia Minor
towards Palestine and Egypt.

In the last war, even when
Turkey was the ally of Ger-
many, it was the difficulty of
communications that mainly
brought about the collapse of
German schemes in that part of
the world.

There is no need for the
British Army to march to Ber-
lin—at any rate before the Nazi
regime breaks up and the march
becomes a victory parade.

The best use for our military
resources is to keep them intact,
ready to be directed against any
point where Hitler's far-flung
schemes begin to develop weak-
ness. Our command of the sea
will ensure that they can be
thrown in where the conditions
are most favourable to us.

The main function of our
army should be surprise. The
possibility of such action will

keep the enemy in constant
anxiety, and compel him to hold
troops in readiness all round the
European seaboard.

The part played by the Bri-
tish Army will be the more valu-
able and effective if it is
deliberately subordinated to the
more important operations of
the Fleet and Air Force.

If this principle is adopted,
we can watch the course of the
war, and be content to await our
opportunity. We must always
be keenly alert to deal with any
desperate attempt at invasion,
though the risk of this will
gradually diminish with the con-
stant increase of our naval and
aerial strength.

With sea-power on our side,
we can take big strategical
views. When the Battle of
Africa begins, it might conceiv-
ably be desirable, in addition to
strengthening the defence of
Egypt, to ship a large army to
the Middle East. Based upon
India, its maritime lines of com-
munication would be shorter
and more convenient than those
of the enemy, stretching half-
way across Europe and through
Western Asia down to the
African frontier.

Should Hitler's Eastern cam-
paign develop into a swoop upon
the oilfields of Iraq, we could
cut there first from the Persian
Gulf, and deprive him of his
booty by destroying them.

THE RUSSIAN RIDDLE

NO one can forecast what
form the war in that part of
the world will take. Russia's at-
titude is still uncertain. She
might resent, and even oppose,
any attempt by Germany and
Italy to seize control of the Bos-
porus and the Dardanelles,
forming the gateway to the
warm waters of the Mediter-
ranean that Russia has long
coveted.

On the other hand, Germany
may try to bribe Russia into ac-
quiescence by the offer of a free
hand in Iran, a country into
which she began to extend her
interests 30 years ago, and
which the development of the
Persian oilfields has now made a
far more valuable prize.

The essential thing is to keep
our troops in hand to deal with
emergencies as they arise.
Secure behind the defences pro-
vided by the Royal Navy and
the Royal Air Force, we can
steadily build up our strength.
Meanwhile, the pressure of the
naval blockade will continue to
tell.

Sooner or later, whether it be
in the Near East, in the French
African colonies, or elsewhere,
the chance will occur for us to
exert our sea-borne military
strength as well.

It is for this contingency and
not for any vast and venture-
some invasion of Europe that
the British Army should be held
in readiness.

BRITISH WOMEN MADE TO STRIP

British women, as well as men,
were compelled to strip at Con-
stanza, before they were allowed
to leave Rumania.

This was revealed when the first 70
British women were evacuated from Ru-
mania reached Istanbul.

They all had to submit to rigorous
inspection, in spite of the fact that
some of them carried diplomatic
passports, issued at Bukarest.

The refugees said that conditions in
Rumania were now the same as in
all other German-occupied countries.

The threatening Germans are re-
ported to have arrested a number of
prominent Poles who fled to Rumania
when Poland was overrun last Sep-
tember.

THE INSIDE OF DAKAR

I HAVE now learned the in-
side story of the Dakar
adventure.

It began with high hopes.
General de Gaulle had received
a large number of assurances
from individual Frenchmen in
French West Africa that he had
but to appear at Dakar with a
French and British force to be
received with arms.

But the Dakar expedition, like the
abortive expedition to Finland, like
the unfortunate expedition to Nor-
way, took too long to prepare, too
long to equip, too long to despatch,
too long to arrive.

Five weeks passed between its
creation and arrival off Dakar.
During those weeks the Germans
in the Vichy Government
were fully informed as to its
numbers and probable destination.
Several thousand Frenchmen cannot
be equipped in Britain with tropical
kit and embark on French vessels
provided with British naval escort
without the interest of German
agents in England and Ireland be-
ing immediately aware of the fact.

A French general in uniform, with
the unmistakable features of General
de Gaulle, can be driven to a port

while the vast fleet offers limitless
obstacles, there is good reason to
believe, and that eventually
our forces will be in a position to
carry the war directly into the
enemy's territory. The coast road to
Libya has been opened, and when
the right moment arrives, the Em-
pire may rest assured that under the
inspiring leadership of General
Wavell, supported by the British
Navy and Air Force, its armies will
march on to the Italian
stronghold.

and embarked in a French warship,
even at night, without the fact being
known to the enemy's intelligence
agents.

Finally—and this was the height of
impudence—a toast to "our ships at
Dakar" was proposed and drunk with
enthusiasm at a public banquet in
London several days before General
de Gaulle and his escort arrived in
West African waters.

There were two good reasons for
believing that the enemy had got
wind of the de Gaulle enterprise.

The first was the passage of the
six French cruisers and destroyers
through the Straits of Gibraltar.

A few days before the French ex-
pedition was due to arrive at Dakar,
five German bombers arrived at that
port from Algiers, bringing with
them a number of high German offi-
cers, intelligence agents and artillery
officers.

These are the men who directed
the resistance of Dakar to General
de Gaulle's advances. These are the
men who hastily organised gun bat-
teries on the shore, and stiffened the
small French garrison in the port and
airfield defences. These are the men
who ordered the batteries to fire.

It is inconceivable otherwise that
French officers on land would have
fired upon four brother French offi-
cers, bearing a flag of truce. The
French don't fire on the white flag,
but the Germans do.

The expedition was founded upon
an obvious contradiction. General de
Gaulle went with a French army and
a French fleet to Dakar; but on con-
dition that he would not have to
fight. And we sent a strong naval
force to protect him, but we were re-
quested by General de Gaulle to
desist from any violent action.

The French forces, which accom-
panied the General were intended,

I understand, not to effect a land-
ing at Dakar, but merely to stiffen
the local garrison and the garrison
in French Equatorial Africa, the
Cameroons, and the other African
colonies which had already joined de
Gaulle.

The truth is that the political pre-
paration of the expedition was
lamentably neglected.

Weeks before the combined British
and French force arrived in West
African waters it should have been
possible to land French intelligence
agents, well provided with gold and
arms, from aeroplanes in the hinter-
land.

There were many French civil
officials, army and air force officers
in French West Africa who risked the
loss of their careers, their pension,
the imprisonment of their families,
and even the threat of the death sen-
tence, if they declared openly for
General de Gaulle.

Yet they were already secretly pre-
pared to join him. They were, in
fact, a latent Fifth Column, hostile
to Germany, friendly to ourselves.
Nothing was done about them, al-
though the German Fifth Column in
Dakar was notoriously active.

And now a postscript. It has re-
cently been revealed that after
Petain's capitulation Lord Gort and
Mr. Duff Cooper arrived at Rabat,
in French Morocco, by seaplane in
the hope of seeing Mr. Mandel and
other French statesmen believed to
be there. It is stated that they
arrived there "soon" after the capitu-
lation.

My information is that they arrived
twelve days later, when Petain had
had time to defeat the designs of the
loyalists. Yet the British Govern-
ment had been urged to send high
Air Force officials to meet on the
very day of the capitulation, when
the greater part of the French Air
Force was in Morocco and could have
been won over.

**GEORGE
SLOCOMBE**

SIDI BARRANI:—FULL STORY

How City Was Captured

"Reuter's" Correspondent with the Army of Nile

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Despite days of gruelling fighting—some of which took place in thick sandstorms—the advance British troops are in the highest spirits, jubilant at the successes achieved after months of waiting.

The British advance troops executed a swift extensive flanking movement encircling one enemy position after another to capture Sidi Barrani while the Royal Air Force concentrated on keeping Italian bombers and fighters out of the air by incessantly bombarding and machine-gunning their aerodromes. The dull, monotonous booming of the guns of the British fleet many miles away was clearly audible here; there were no ships in the Italian coastal waters.

The battle for Sidi Barrani was keen and bitter.

The eventual outcome of the present operations is impossible to forecast because of the rapidity with which the situation is changing but the positive balance already achieved by the British is, as one officer expressed it, "many prisoners" together with quantities of war material most of which is in excellent condition.

Combined Assault

The artillery, infantry, armoured forces and the Royal Navy all contributed to a twelve-hour bombardment of Sidi Barrani while the Royal Air Force's part was to bomb it almost continuously for 16 hours on Monday. Severe casualties were inflicted on Black Shirt Divisions who, nevertheless, offered fierce resistance to the British onslaughts.

Despite the duststorms which persisted throughout yesterday, making parts of the desert, including aerodromes, look like London in a pea-soup fog, the I.A.F. flew out unceasingly on their harassing tasks. At times returning bombers were unable to see their aerodromes and were forced to land on emergency aerodromes elsewhere. Their bombardment of Benina which is an Italian advance air striking base, was probably the heaviest bombing raid ever carried out in the Near East and it left Italian hangars and machines shattered wrecks.

Breach in Line Effected

Details of the operation enabling a British motorised division to penetrate to the coast and to cut off the Italian forces at Sidi Barrani, were revealed to-night.

From the moment in September when General Graziani's troops reached Sidi Barrani a famous mechanized regiment was given special instructions to harass the enemy as a specified point and to prevent them from completing the line of camps stretching from the coast to the southernmost camp.

For weeks the mechanized units carried out incessant attacks in the north, resulting in many clashes with the invaders. They kept open the gap in the enemy's front positions, and frustrated all attempts to complete the chain of highly fortified camps.

At zero-hour on Sunday, the breach was still open, thanks to this regiment's persistent attacks, and motorised units were able to drive in according to plan.

Indo-China Disturbances

Lyons Announcement

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Serious disturbances in French Indo-China were mentioned by the announcer on the Lyons wireless on Thursday night. He said that clashes occurred recently in Saigon and in seven provinces between armed forces and demonstrators, said to be communists.

It was added that damage was done to civil, administrative and private buildings. A number of bridges were destroyed and communications were cut.

Order was restored by soldiers, police and marines, but there were wounded on both sides. The measures taken by the local government, he concluded, have resulted in the suppression of these "subversive movements."

Communist Demonstrations

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" VICHY, Dec. 12 (UP).—Belated official reports here to-day revealed there were Communist demonstrations in Cochinchina during November which came to a climax in a battle at Saigon, in which a number of administrative buildings, homes, plantations and telegraph lines were damaged, and several wounded on both sides.

The reports said that order has been restored and that the trouble was centred in the provinces of Tayvinh, Conam, Myhno, Vinklong, Canho, Sostrang and the suburbs of Saigon.

Officials, however, denied reports of any disturbances in Annam.

French Reprisals

HANOI, Dec. 12 (UP).—During a French "reprisal" air raid, 24 bombs were dropped on Muk in Thailand to the west of Savannakhet yesterday.

One bomb hit an oldfield and two incendiary bombs landed in the porch of the Governor's house. Thailand planes on Wednesday also bombed Savannakhet and Savannakhet.

MOSCOW SPLASHES NEWS

British Successes

MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (Reuter).

Soviet interest in the fighting in North Africa is well reflected in the Press. The official Communist paper "Pravda" has as two main headlines across the foreign news page, "British Offensive in Western Desert" and "Italian Retreat in Albania."

British reports of the taking of Sidi Barrani are published at length with a description of the terrain and an account of how the Italians fortified the Sidi Barrani-Sollum area. The "Pravda" then quotes the "Baker Nachrichten" for a statement that the war in Greece and the attack on Taranto are already having effect on the Italian army in Libya.

Reports from New York regarding increased American aid for the British are also prominently published in the Moscow Press.

"Truth" concludes a long article by quoting the "New York-Herald Tribune" as saying that the intensification of the struggle between Britain and Germany only increases the vital interest of the United States in the survival of Britain.

Friendship Pact

Yugo-Slavia And Hungary

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A pact of friendship was signed in Belgrade this evening between Hungary and Yugo-Slavia, according to the German news agency.

The Terms

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Hungarian-Yugo-Slavian treaty was signed by Mr. Cankovitch and M. Markovitch, and consists of three articles. It declares:

(1) that permanent peace and eternal friendship will exist between the two countries, (2) the signatories agree to consult on all problems affecting mutual relations, (3) the Pact is to be ratified at an early date and come into force as soon as it is ratified.

Desire For Peace

BELGRADE, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Axis propaganda will doubtless interpret the Yugo-Slavian-Hungarian treaty as indicating the former's advance to the Axis but observers do not believe that the treaty means more than an intense desire for Yugo-Slavia to maintain peace and, on Hungary's side, an attempt to find some, even if uneasy, basis for her foreign policy outside the stranglehold embrace of Axis encroachments.

Press Statement

BELGRADE, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Count Cankovitch and M. Cincmar Markovitch emphasised to the press that the new treaty was a contribution to the maintenance of peace in southeastern Europe.

M. Markovitch said that it was a new contribution to peace and to that constructive collaboration which was the object pursued by Hungary and Yugo-Slavia in the Danube basin. Count Cankovitch referred to the mutual friendship and confidence which united the two nations and said that the treaty was a sure guarantee that they would be able to follow with success the common road which they had had the wisdom to choose.

Axis Shipping From France

Marseilles—N. Africa

LONDON, Dec. 12 (British Wireless).—Sea traffic carried on for the benefit of Germany and Italy between North African ports and Marseilles was the subject of a Parliamentary question to the Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. R. Dalton, who was asked whether he would consider dealing more effectively with such vessels which apparently made the voyage as far as possible within the territorial waters of North Africa, Spain and France. Mr. Dalton said that the Government never licensed or approved such traffic and reserved freedom to take appropriate action at any time. It was not in the public interest to announce in advance the measures it was proposed to adopt.

MUSIC HALL 1940, CHINA FLEET CLUB TO-NIGHT



"Music Hall 1940" is being put on by the Garrison Concert Party at the China Fleet Club at 9.15 to-night in aid of the Bomber and B.W.O. Funds.

Above in the "Family Group" are, left to right, Jack Wedderburn, Donald MacAlister, George Ingolby, Sheila MacIntyre and Jill Beavis.

Below are Green (left) and Ross in "The Window Cleaners."

U. S. Banker Wants Aid For U. K.

MR W. ALDRICH

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The movement in favour of granting financial aid to Britain is receiving powerful and unexpected support from Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, one of America's leading bankers.

Besides being Chairman of the Chase National Bank, Mr. Aldrich is a well-known lawyer.

Speaking at the Boston Chamber of Commerce Meeting he urged that funds be made available "promptly and generously" before Britain's financial sands had run dangerously low. He added that such funds could be furnished either by a Federal guarantee of British credit, a loan from the United States Treasury, or by an outright grant in aid.

Mr. Aldrich denied that the Johnson Neutrality Acts prevented such action, declaring that neither of them "prohibits our Government from giving financial aid to Great Britain." Recalling that both the American Political Parties had decided in favour of extending aid, Mr. Aldrich said, "If that pledge means anything, it means that our full industrial and financial strength shall be thrown into the scales on the side of England."

Britons Held Near Paris

Interned In Barracks

Questions were asked in the House of Commons about the condition of British subjects now interned who were hitherto resident in occupied France.

The Foreign Under-Secretary stated that the majority of male British subjects numbering some 1,700 were concentrated at military barracks at St. Denis near Paris. Information received from the United States Embassy, whose officials periodically visited the barracks, showed that conditions there were satisfactory.

FANLING GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday

OLD COURSE
9.15 T. G. C. Knight, G. T. Harrington.
9.20 D. Black, P. C. Jackson.
9.24 N. and G. A. MacLennan.
9.28 L. Goldman, A. Habb.
9.32 G. H. Horridge, J. Mackenzie.
9.36 A. D. Humphrey, I. H. Goare.
9.40 J. Linaker, G. Thompson.
9.44 F. A. Howard, P. Groves.
9.48 A. H. Guinness, R. Challinor.
9.52 J. Brownlie, D. Cochran.
9.56 B. L. Lloyd, T. Megarry.
10.00 A. D. Humphrey, I. H. Goare.
10.04 J. Hart Davis, B. Block.
10.08 H. A. Mills, Major Temple.
10.12 W. Way, Anderson.
10.16 R. Young, J. C. Taylor.
10.20 G. M. Park, N. D. Lloyd.
10.24 R. Carr, Cleave, Burg, Lt. Cdr. Page.
11.22 T. E. Pearce, M. A. Annett.

NEW COURSE

9.24 H. and S. V. Dodwell and Co.
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Early Nazi Raiders Fall Before R.A.F.

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—British fighters shot down three German aircraft this morning when small formations of enemy fighters and fighter-bombers crossed the Kent coast flying towards London, and dropped a small number of bombs on the outskirts of the London Area, the Air Ministry announced.

The bombs did little damage and caused only a few casualties.

One German Bomber was also shot down off the south-west coast this morning and one was destroyed during Wednesday night.

In all these operations British fighters sustained no loss.

King Tours City

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Cheered by crowds who pressed closely behind the Royal party, the King to-day made a tour of Birmingham and its environs less than 12 hours after the third big raid on the Birmingham district on Wednesday night.

The King with Lord Dudley, Regional Commissioner, and the Lord Mayor, walked through some of the worst bombed areas, picking his way between piles of rubble and "bleeding" craters and devastated homes.

The King talked to many citizens who had had amazing escapes during the raids in this vicinity, and congratulated a boy of 17 on rescuing many people from debris.

Afterwards the King inspected a big parade of A.R.P. and Civil Defence Workers and congratulated them on their magnificent work.

Birmingham Damage

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The attack on the Birmingham area which was the first for over a week was very severe. Six churches, eleven schools and two cinemas were among the buildings hit, and there was also damage done to house property in a number of districts.

Although the number of casualties include some fatalities, they are not believed to be heavy considering the scale of the attack. Early raiders followed the usual course and dropped incendiary bombs. Later arrivals brought high explosive bombs and some were particularly heavy. Many fires were started, but the strenuous efforts of the Fire Services extinguished nearly all within a few hours.

The A.A. barrage was at one time heavier than on any previous occasion and caused the raiders to fly high.

Flaming Oil

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 12 (UP).—Flaming oil and explosive bombs hit eleven schools, six churches, two cinemas and a hospital in the longest raid of the war, but it was not as concentrated as previous attacks, and

Losses And Thefts

Mrs Booker, wife of Mr. A. C. Booker, Assistant Superintendent of Police, had her handbag containing \$40 and a gold watch, snatched while walking near Whiteaway Laidlaw's yesterday.

Mrs Glover, No. 9c, Broom Road, reported the loss of a jade ring valued at \$500.

Mr. L. J. Davis, No. 13, The Peak, reports that someone entered his house at 3 a.m. yesterday and stole a fountain pen, a vase and a cushion valued at \$52.

H.K. C.C. Cricket XI

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club "A" against the Royal Engineers in a friendly game of Cricket to-morrow on the Club ground commencing at 2 p.m.:
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Military Blamed For Defeat Of Italians

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Dec. 12 (UP).—Grave disquiet within Italy is revealed in an article written by Signor Farinacci in the "Regime Fascista" to-day.

Evidently referring to Marshal Badoglio, the writer says: "A certain person who should keep quiet is saying that he did not want the Greek campaign and needed a great number of divisions."

"This same person carried out the action with the forces already in Albania. It is childish to place responsibility on the political command when the military conduct of the war belongs alone on the technical side. Government is not at all. The army had the right to expect the armed forces to be completely prepared."

Signor Gayda writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" says that the battle of Egypt will decide the outcome of the war, and that Italy is confident of victory. He recalled that Italy got the best of Austria "after the Austrians had occupied Italy up to Udine."

T. V. SOONG FOR LONDON

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Reuter).

Mr. T. V. Soong, former Finance Minister, is expected to visit London shortly in order to conduct negotiations for new credits to China which the British Government has announced itself willing to extend.

The same quarters state that Mr. Soong is at present negotiating with the United States, presumably in connection with the United States credits to China.

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clerk-Kerr, is expected to remain in Chungking while the London negotiations are in progress.

"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Last Happy Valley Meeting For The Year

Can Eve Of Harvest Win Autumn Champions For China Ponies?

THE HONGKONG Autumn Champions for China ponies is timed to be run off at 3.30 p.m. over a course of 1 1/4 miles and the winner is to receive \$1,000. Only winners (that have started at least twice) at the Extra Meetings are eligible, but it is not to be expected that any of the "B," "C," "D" or "E" class riders will have the audacity to weigh out.

There is sound reason to believe that there will not be more than six nominations and I append below a list of probable starters with their jockeys.

Burford D. Black
Clemmer L. B. Chao
Confusion Bay S. L. Sung
Crailgavnd (no jockey yet)
Eve of Harvest W. H. S. Davis
O-Lan V. V. Needa

Last Saturday morning Burford was given a mile gallop and the champion took 2.00 1/2 to cover the circuit. Last Wednesday, the Quarter-master's candidate had a spin over six furlongs and the distance was covered in 1.32 1/2. These two gallops were done at 9 a.m. when the majority of the rail fans had gone.

However, I was not pleased with the two "dress rehearsal" outings, because there was no swing in the show.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 14th December, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Times are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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Who Will Win Autumn Champions? China Ponies Offer Problem

THE LAST of a series of 13 extra meetings under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held to-morrow (first saddling bell at 1.30 p.m.) and after this meet there will be no more flat racing at Happy Valley until Spring.

Post Entries For Champion Events

Attention of owners is drawn to the fact that nominations for the two champion events are post entries and they are reminded that ponies, whether Australian or China, for any of the Autumn classics must be declared in writing as starters by posting their names in the declaration box in the usual manner.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Reply To "Pilgrim"

Sir,—Your "Random Jottings" by "Pilgrim" in the issue of the 12th December have been read with interest by quite a number of Umpires, and for your information, the remarks made have caused quite a resentful feeling amongst them.

It should be borne in mind that the Umpires Association holds no responsibility for the arranging and cancellation of fixtures, therefore your remarks of "gross slowness or bad co-operation of the Umpires Association" mentioned in your article does not tend in my opinion to encourage would-be Umpires to come forward and offer their services in that capacity.

Personal remarks on two Umpires are not only unjustified from the respect of Mr. Tys, but as regards Mr. Gilchrist I have not noticed his attendance at an Umpire's Meeting for the past two years.

Your other remark that these officials (presumably Umpires) "should be willing to offer their services and that the Umpires Association will in future take a greater interest in their work" does not in the humble opinion of a qualified Umpire (who has during the past two years freely given his services, thus entailing loss of time, labour and expense for the good of the game) warrant this remark.

Lack Of Umpires

It is a well known fact that the game of racing suffers from the lack of keen Umpires, but I contend that the above remarks as stated in your notes are detrimental to those who are endeavouring to do their best, and I can state that a number of Umpires at present are considering whether or not to sever their connection with the Hongkong Jockey Umpires Association.

Remarks of this kind about the Umpires who are endeavouring to overcome quite a number of difficulties owing to their small numbers, who in addition to their work of a Sunday, they give up some of their spare time of a morning or afternoon and in some cases both, in an endeavour to keep the game alive, seem unfair to me when they receive no compensation for their labours only criticism.

UMPIRE.

Dilatory H'cap

Tornado Star And Criffel In Opposition

LT-COMMANDER CRAVEN had his legs over Tornado Star in a mile canter last Saturday morning, and they seemed to enjoy the jaunt.

I fancy this chestnut for the Dilatory Handicap confined to "B" class Australian ponies over a mile, but I think Criffel with Mr. Black in the saddle is the most dangerous contender, with Devonian (Mr. Trevorton) to follow.

A mile is not to the liking of Double Finesse, and the outing is too short for Triumphant Day. We should not worry about the remaining three entries.

However, the two most important items on the card are the Hongkong Autumn Champions for China ponies, and the Queensland Autumn Champions confined to Australian makes. The other six events are consolation handicap contests for those gee-gees which generally finished under the category of "also rans."

I am afraid that the fields will be on the small side owing to the fact that the provision of barring winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January has precluded the entry of many so-so ponies of different classes. The object of the ban is, of course, to give other steeds a chance of making a few extra dollars to provide for their "hay and corn."

Speculation is rife among those who make the morning pilgrimage to Happy Valley as to whether Sapper will be able to resist the challenge of either Baffin Bay or Viceroy in the Australian champions, and whether Eve of Harvest will repeat her spectacular display in the October Handicap over 1 1/4 miles when the mare trounced O-Lan by two clear lengths.

I am glad that there is a division in the company of those earlier birds sitting on the rails, otherwise there would not be any interest in the two big classics.

Anxious Trainers

THERE is no trainer more anxious to capture the two champions than Mr. Lou Reddy, who is in charge of the above two candidates. The first reason is to please the lady owner, wife of His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grassett, while the other is to win the first Hongkong Autumn Champions for Sir Victor Sassoon.

It may be of interest to know that Sir Victor's best attempt was two seconds, Boxing Eve finishing three lengths behind Pride of Tinseltown, the winner of 1931 Autumn champions, and Gladstair belonging to the same owner found King's Warden too good in 1935, losing by two lengths.

Mr. W. H. S. Davis, who has been booked to steer Sapper and Eve of Harvest, has never piloted a pony to victory in any of the Autumn champion events, but I cannot see any contender to deprive him of riding two classic winners to-morrow.

While on the subject I cannot also see anybody to deprive Mr. D. Black of becoming the champion jockey of this season. Last Sunday Mr. L. B. Chao rode four winners, with the inclusion of a hat-trick in Macao, and this has, of course, increased his aggregate to 30 successes. He requires four more wins to be ahead of Mr. Black, who has a tally of 33-12-19, but judging from the reservation of his mounts I have reason to predict that the Chinese aspirant will not be able to achieve that success to-morrow.

Jockey Leaders

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Sapper Seems Assured Of Winning Australians' Champion Stakes

THE QUEENSLAND Autumn Champions for Australian ponies is worth \$1,000 to the winner, with \$300 and \$200 for second and third ponies, but there will not be more than half dozen starters and I would make the list of nominations as follows:

Baffin Bay V. V. Needa
Sapper W. H. S. Davis
Viceroy D. Black
It is almost as certain as the sun will rise on the morrow that Sapper will run away with the

classic with Viceroy and Baffin Bay to trill the leader.
Far View, Amicus, Curise and Lancashire Chips will not be starting.

Finale Handicap

Curtain Falls On 1940 Season

THE LAST EVENT of 1940's racing season will be the Finale Handicap for "D" class China ponies and it is a mile run.

Jack O'Lantern with Mr. Black up has been well polished by the gentleman in charge of the avoidupols with two pounds of lead over the bottom weight. But the pony is like one of those cheap stopwatches—running either too fast or slow, and he hardly gave us a good run for the money. Mr. Black may be able to make his go.

By virtue of his win in Macao, The Leopard has incurred a penalty of 7 lb., and this may hinder the pony's chances. On the hook Sunlight View looks good, but her gallop of last Wednesday with Mr. Peter Wei did not impress me.

I have not seen Eve of Peace for a long time, but being a griffin of this season the mare should be considered.

Royal Highness is not a reliable runner and I would much prefer to see Mr. Needa in the saddle than Mr. Ip Kuei-ying.

Salvage Master does not appear to be in the pink of condition, but I understand that the mare is hard to train.

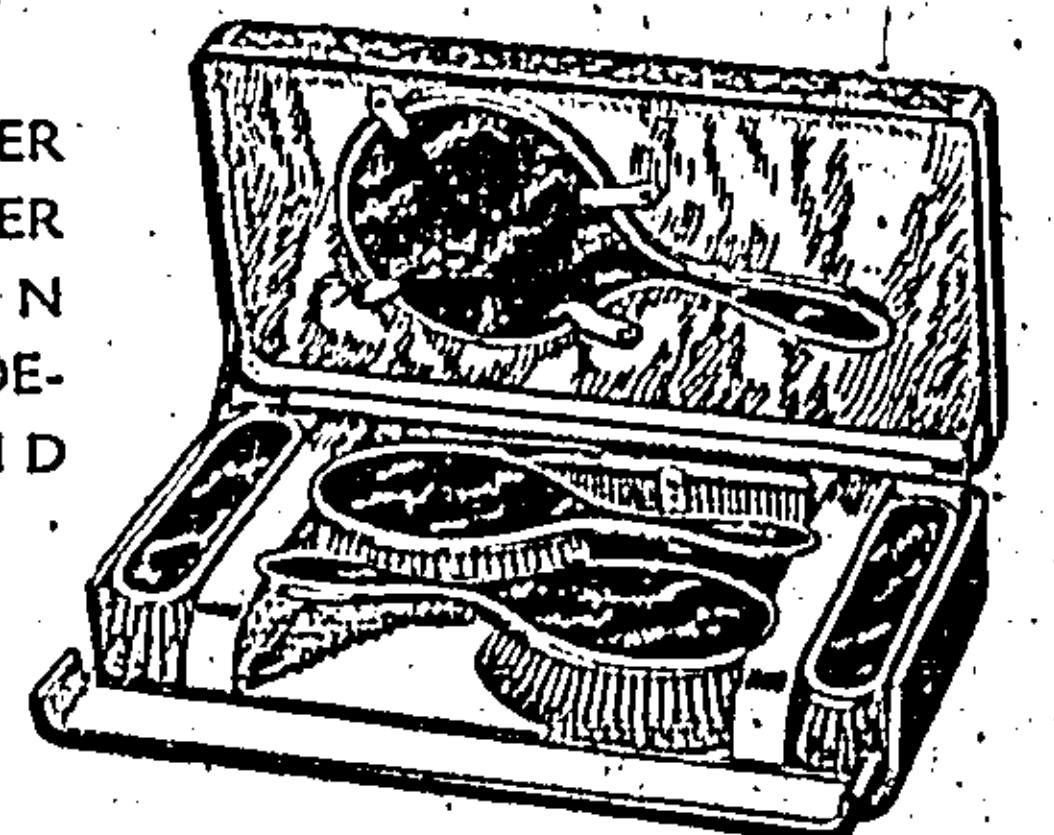
Piet Hein looks a good thing, but is he a miler?
Taking everything in the balance this will be the hardest event to spot the winner. I will, however, make my final selections to-morrow.

Saints' Hockey Team

The following will represent St. Andrew's men in a hockey match against C.B.A. 2nd eleven to-morrow at 4.30 p.m. on the C.B.A. grounds:—Turpin, White and Curry; Tomlinson, Coles and H. Millington; Smith, Davies, Kemp, O. L. Drope and L. Millington.

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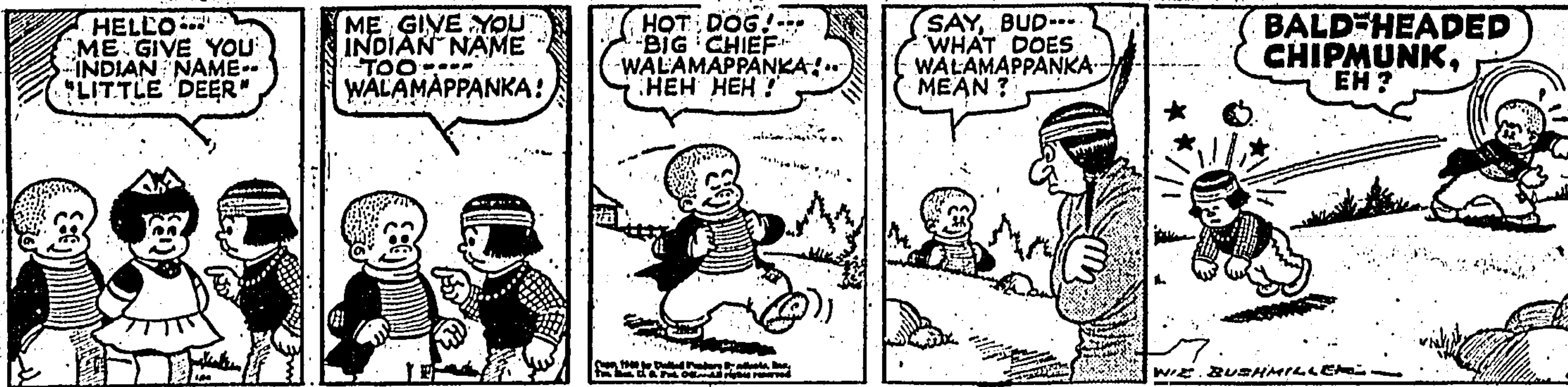
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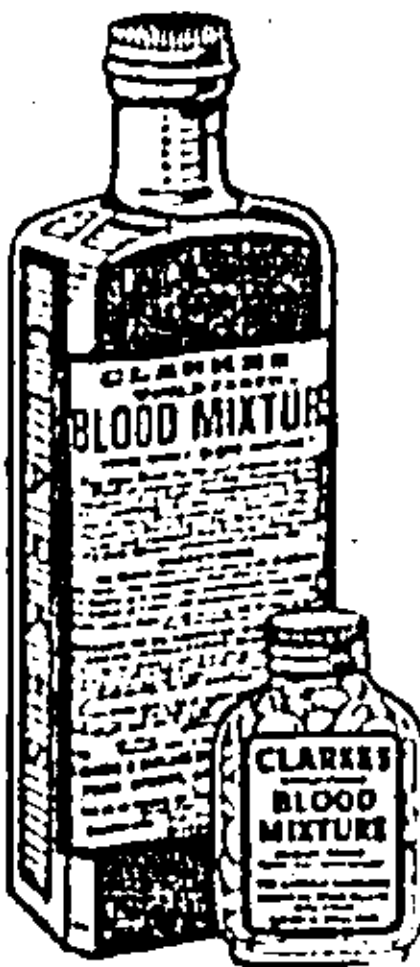


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HERTZOG RESIGNS Led Opposition To Smuts

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—General Hertzog, former Prime Minister and later Leader of the Opposition, has resigned his membership of Parliament.

The resignation of Mr. Havenga, former Finance Minister under General Hertzog is also announced. These developments follow General Hertzog's resignation from the leadership of the Re-United Nationalist Party, which was the official Opposition.

The news of the resignation appeared in a letter from General Hertzog and Mr. Havenga which was published in the ex-Prime Minister's own paper the "Divanderland."

Burma Road Bombed

KUNMING, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Ten Japanese bombers attacked the Burma Highway at the Mekong Bridge early yesterday afternoon. Chinese authorities, however, report no damage to the bridge.

Japanese Version

A JAPANESE BASE IN INDOSIA, Dec. 13 (Domei).—The Press Bureau of the Japanese Fleet in South China Waters announces that Japanese bombers on Thursday severely bombed the Burma Road causing "heavy damage" to the Kungkuo Bridge. Long-range bombers attacked the Shanyung aerodrome in Yunnan Province, destroying 22 enemy planes on the ground.

Japanese Claims

A FRENCH INDO-CHINA BASE, Dec. 13 (Domei).—The Chinese aerial guard for the Burma road has been wiped out as the result of the successful Japanese attack against the Shanyung aerodrome on December 12.

It is disclosed that the Japanese Naval aircraft led by Lieutenant Saburo Shindo made a surprise raid on Shanyung (Yunnan), approximately 130 miles northwest of Kunming in northwestern Yunnan Province.

Attracting the raiders' attention were the Chinese machine-gun emplacements in the environs of the aerodrome which were immediately bombed and silenced. The raiders then turned upon 10 planes including 1-15 type fighter scouting and training planes on the ground. Swooping down the raiders set all machines on fire while three other planes nearby were also strafed and set ablaze.

Four other units of the Naval Air Force came over the Burma road which recently resumed activity after severely bombed the Kungkuo Bridge spanning the Mekong River.

Sino-Soviet Trade

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—China has signed a contract with Soviet Russia whereby China is to deliver during the coming year 100 million Chinese dollars' worth of tea to the Soviet, according to an official announcement.

LEADERS Day Of Gifts And Prayer

To the Editor, The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—We venture to ask the hospitality of your columns to bring to the notice of your readers the Cathedral Gift Day, which this year has been instituted in place of the Cathedral Fete, and will be held on Saturday, December 14. It has been our custom in the past few years to hold a Cathedral Fete which has been responsible for the collection of about \$3,000 of our income. This fete it is impracticable to hold this year, as many of our workers are away from the Colony, and those who remain are so much engaged in other directions that they have no time to devote to the arduous work of preparing for a fete of our usual standard.

The question of economy has not been lost sight of, but it must not be forgotten that it is the custom of the Cathedral to make grants to various social endeavours in the Colony and to Missionary work in the diocese, and we feel it is not the wish of the members of our church that these activities should suffer by the reduction or elimination of these grants.

It is therefore with the welfare of the Cathedral and its activities very much at heart that the Council have set apart Saturday, December 14, on which day those who value the work of the Cathedral in this Colony may come and offer their gifts and pray for the effective continuance of this work. It has been arranged that one of the clergy and a member of the Cathedral to make grants to various social endeavours in the Colony and to Missionary work in the diocese, and we feel it is not the wish of the members of our church that these activities should suffer by the reduction or elimination of these grants.

P. S. Cassidy, Chairman of Finance Committee.
Eva G. Davidson, Chairman, Cathedral Women's Fellowship.
S. W. Pringle-Perry, Secretary, Goodwill Offering Scheme.
S. H. Dodwell.
H. Owen Hughes.
W. M. Barton.

Air Raid Wardens

Sir,—The inspection of the Hongkong Corps of Air Raid Wardens will be held on Saturday, December 21, at 3.30 p.m., but it is realized that owing to the Christmas season, it may be inconvenient for some firms to allow Wardens in their employ to attend this parade.

His Excellency the Acting Governor has, however, expressed the hope that any firm which has Wardens on its staff, will grant them every facility to attend this parade.

As this is the first official inspection of the Corps, I hope all firms will co-operate wholeheartedly, so that the number of Wardens on parade may be as great as possible.
A. H. S. STEELE-PERKINS,
Director of Air Raid Precautions.

STRONG TURKEY May Influence War Result

ANKARA, Dec. 12 (Reuter).

"The economic strength of Turkey has assumed such magnitude that it may well influence the final outcome of the world's struggle," declared the Turkish Prime Minister, Dr. Saydam, speaking on the anniversary of National Economy week, according to the Ankara Radio.

Dr. Saydam pointed out that the struggle between nations had changed from a military act of fighting pure and simple, to a war waged on economic staying powers, and he continued: "our position is far superior to that of 1914 both in industry and agriculture, and our financial position is strong. We continue to place confidence in the economic power of our country."

STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The capture of Sidi Barrani created good sentiment in the Stock Exchange, but apart from a few instances business was small.

Kaffir especially, and the smaller priced issues, were popular among local operators, and oils again were in the limelight.

Anglo-Iranians advanced over three shillings to forty shillings. Sudan plantations, however, were in demand, and shares improved from £2 3s 9d to £2 5s.

Wall Street was firm.

Capture Of Nazi Ship Confirmed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Dec. 12 (UP).—The Admiralty has confirmed that the Dutch destroyer Kinsbergen captured the German steamer Rhein, off Cuba.



"Come on Ladies and Gentlemen Let's knock it up to—1,500,000 by Christmas!"

Ulster M.P.'s Sensational Charge U-Boats Call At Eire For Petrol Supplies

MR. JAMES LITTLE, M.P. for Co. Down, Northern Ireland, recently from Belfast challenged Mr. de Valera to prove that U-boats operating in the Atlantic off the west coast of Ireland were not being refuelled and re-victualled from Eireann ports.

He was emphatic that the U-boats openly sailed into quiet western Eireann ports, picked up petrol and oil, and even fresh vegetables.

Dr. Little, who made this accusation at a meeting of his constituents, amplified the story to the "Sunday Express." He declared:—

"It is common property that the U-boats go into western Ireland ports and get what they want. It is up to Eire to meet this challenge by saying that this is not true. The information I have come from personal observers. They have told me what they saw, and I have no reason at all for disbelieving them."

"So far as I can find there is ample evidence that Mr. de Valera is turning a blind eye to this regular service to the U-boats. We have the statement of Mr. Lees-Smith in Westminster that if we had bases on the Irish west coast we could solve the problem of the sinkings there by U-boats."

Could Save Many Lives

"We have to send our patrols from the English Channel. That doubles the journey. If we had ports on the west of Ireland we could save thousands of lives and thousands of tons of shipping and protect as well our child evacuee ships."

"British sailors are going through hardship and suffering to bring petrol into this country, yet they see some of this petrol going to their enemies through Eire. What we want is a denial from Eire officially that this traffic is going on or, alternatively, a solemn promise that it will cease. I cannot understand why a Chris-

tian nation would have any part in the devilry going on off the west coast of Ireland.

"Yet if one of our ships were to go within the three-mile limit the crews would be captured and interned at once. This cannot go on, and Eire, being neutral, must put a stop to it."

Enlisted In A.I.F. At 15

A youth of 15 who had run away from home and enlisted in the A.I.F.—only to be discharged later because he was under age—pleaded guilty in Quarter Sessions to having broken into a shop.

The accused, Arthur George Clarke, 15, pleaded guilty to a charge of having broken into a shop at Urralla on Sept. 19 and stolen six billiard balls. The Judge was informed that Clarke was now serving a sentence of two months, passed on him at Trumworth for having illegally used a motor-car at the time of the Urralla offence.

The Judge said he would recommend that representations be made that the accused be released from the Trumworth sentence.



CAROL ARRESTED—Exiled King Carol of Rumania and girlfriend, Magda Lupescu, were put under guard in police form of arrest at Seville, Spain. Above, Carol leaving automobile in Madrid, after flight from Rumania.

Barbara Hutton-Cary Grant Romance Talk

COUNTESS Haugwitz Reventlow (Barbara Hutton) and Cary Grant, hero of many famous films, are being linked together by friends who whisper of an engagement announcement soon.

Cary and the Woolworth heiress have been seen together frequently at night clubs, theatres, and so on in New York.

After the former Miss Hutton's marriage to Count Reventlow had been dissolved, report said that there would be an early engagement to

Robert Sweeney, who was British golf champion in 1937.

WEDDING BELLS

At one time last year wedding bells were also expected to ring for Cary Grant, who is British-born, and Phyllis Brooks, the young Hollywood actress. But Miss Brooks said they had decided that if they were married soon it would not be convenient for her work.

Do Crystal Palace Towers Guide Nazis?

ARE the Crystal Palace towers responsible for the bombing of the surrounding suburbs?

The people of South London believe that the two great towers, nearly 300 feet high and known as a landmark all over the world, are guiding the Nazi planes.

In the last war, according to a German commander's post-war reminiscences, the enemy were ordered not to hit the Crystal Palace itself. It was too useful to the raiders as a signpost.

Ever since the war began, there has been an agitation for the removal of the two useless towers, the only part of the Palace left after the fire four years ago.

Last June the people of South London rejoiced when they heard that the towers had been sold for scrap. They would yield 1,000 tons of iron.

For a short time the citizens who live beneath the shadow of the towers watched men at work on the North tower. The work did not get very far, and soon stopped altogether. For nearly two months nothing more was done. Six weeks ago men were again seen at work, this time on the South tower.

A Meeting Feeling against the towers is so strong in the thickly populated and much-bombed areas of South London that a meeting of the Palace trustees is to be held to discuss the matter.

Sir Henry Buckland, general manager of the Palace, will preside, and Mr. George Cohen, of George Cohen and Sons, Stepney, who has the contract for demolition, will attend.

Sir Henry does not sympathise with those who fear that the towers bring danger to their homes. He told reporters: "I live near the Palace, and my house has been bombed, but I think that was due to indiscriminate bombing. We have suffered no more than other London districts, and much less than some areas."

"Hate Towers" But another prominent resident in the area said: "I am convinced that the towers are helping the enemy, and I know that my opinion is shared by hundreds of people."

"You have only to ask the occupants of the houses and shops near the Palace to find out how much they hate the sight of the towers."

The A.R.P. officer of an important factory in South London said: "From my observations as a spotter on the roof I feel convinced that the Germans are using the towers as a guide, particularly in daylight."

Mr. George Cohen believes that the towers should come down as soon as possible.

"HOLD MY HAT" Said Bombed Child

While Civil Defence squads were dealing with a fire caused by an oil bomb just outside some commercial premises in a London district a high explosive bomb hit a surface shelter in the courtyard of a block of Council flats.

Immediately a large rescue party was mobilised, and of the women who were in the shelter 12 were rescued who had received only minor injuries.

Soon Got Busy Some more serious casualties were near the dividing wall of the shelter which had collapsed.

Women who were in the shelter and members of the rescue party marvelled at the coolness and courage of six-year-old Dollie Sadler. She was pinned down by one of her legs, but she said to someone near her: "Please hold my hat and I can dig myself out."

She was busy removing pieces of debris with her hands when one of the rescue party released her.

War Office Takes Over A Case

"Owing to the serious nature of the charges, the War Office wants to take over this case, and make it an example to the rest of the men in the Forces."

An officer of the Royal Norfolk Regiment said this when seven men of the regiment were charged recently with stealing from a house which had been damaged by air-bombardment.

He applied for the men to be handed over to military custody to be dealt with by general court-martial.

THIS BOMB JUST MISSED. —HITLER!

It is permitted now to disclose that Madame Tussaud's wax-works exhibition, famous all over the world, was damaged in one of the recent raids on London.

Had the bomb dropped a few yards nearer, Hitler might have scored a direct hit, not only on the British Cabinet, all the kings and queens of England alive and dead, and most of the well-known murderers, but also on himself and Mussolini, Goering and Co.—all, of course, in wax.

Beatty's Tumble

As it was, although the adjoining cinema was wrecked and glass was shattered all through the restaurant, Beatty was the only wax-work to fall (he happened to be rather close to the door).

Jean Batten's flying goggles were twisted, and a lace veil was wrapped roughly round Queen Victoria's head, leaving the old lady peering suspiciously through one eye at this unfamiliar world.

Otherwise, the waxworks were undamaged. Even Hitler and Mussolini, admitted an official regretfully, had escaped.

The British Cabinet sat unmoved at their desks, Churchill smiling benignly in the centre, and paying no attention at all to a number of women's arms and legs (in wax) spread before him—taken from models which had had to be stripped of their dust-covered costumes.

A few years ago a fire gutted Madame Tussaud's, which had to be entirely rebuilt.

Escaped

A small part of the building, however, escaped that fire, and this part, as well as the main block, also escaped Hitler's bomb.

Nobody was killed in this building. The caretakers were sheltering in the basement, and were unhurt, and the only man sleeping on the first floor was able to climb out of a window from a room that had collapsed all round him.

He was suffering from shock.

King Visits Censors At Their Work

While the one hundred thousand story was being censored at the Press and Censorship Bureau of the Ministry of Information in London, the King and Queen walked in.

Mr. Ernest Hunter, chairman of the Press Committee and president of the National Union of Journalists, and Mr. J. H. Brebner, Director of the News Division, were presented to the King.

While they were chatting with the reporters present the King and Queen heard through the microphone a bulletin giving details of their visit to the Ministry.

TRIBUTE TO WOMEN

"I am proud to see how the women of Glamorgan, are standing up to air raids. It shows they will not allow the country to go down."

This tribute was paid to the women of Glamorgan by Sir William Jenkins, M.P. (Lab., Neath, Glam.), before the County Standing Joint Committee.

Denouncing scaremongers, Sir William said they intended taking immediate proceedings against alarmists, who were "in the enemy's camp."

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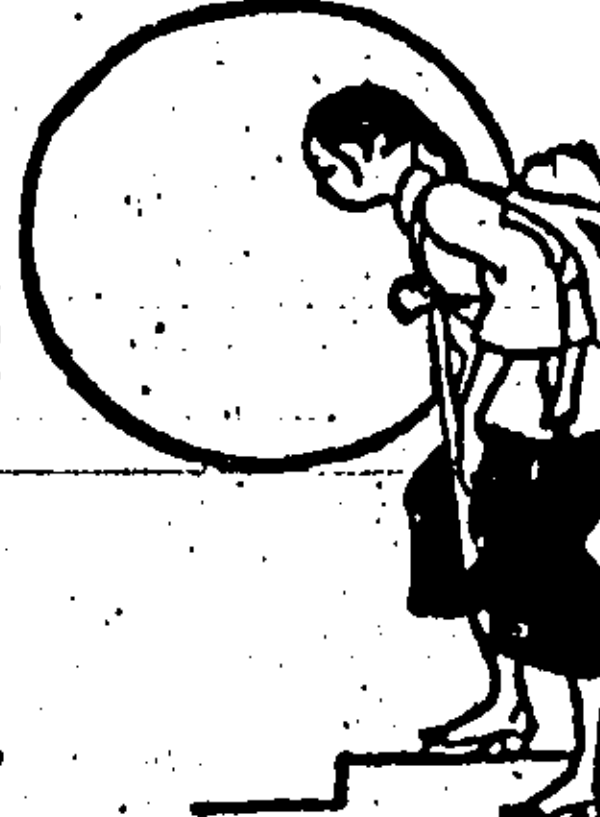
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: The market was less active to-day, trading being on a smaller scale.

Buyers

Bank of East Asia	\$74
Wharves	\$2
Provident	\$5.50
Hotels	\$3.45
Lands	\$33.50
Humphreys	\$7.75
Trams	\$17.50
Star Ferries	\$59.50
Lights "N" C.D.	\$7.10
Electric	\$3.40
Comptels	\$13.10
Watsons	\$10.25
Entertainments	\$7
Constructions	\$1.00

Sellers

Cements	\$15.50
Vibro Piling	\$7.70

Sales

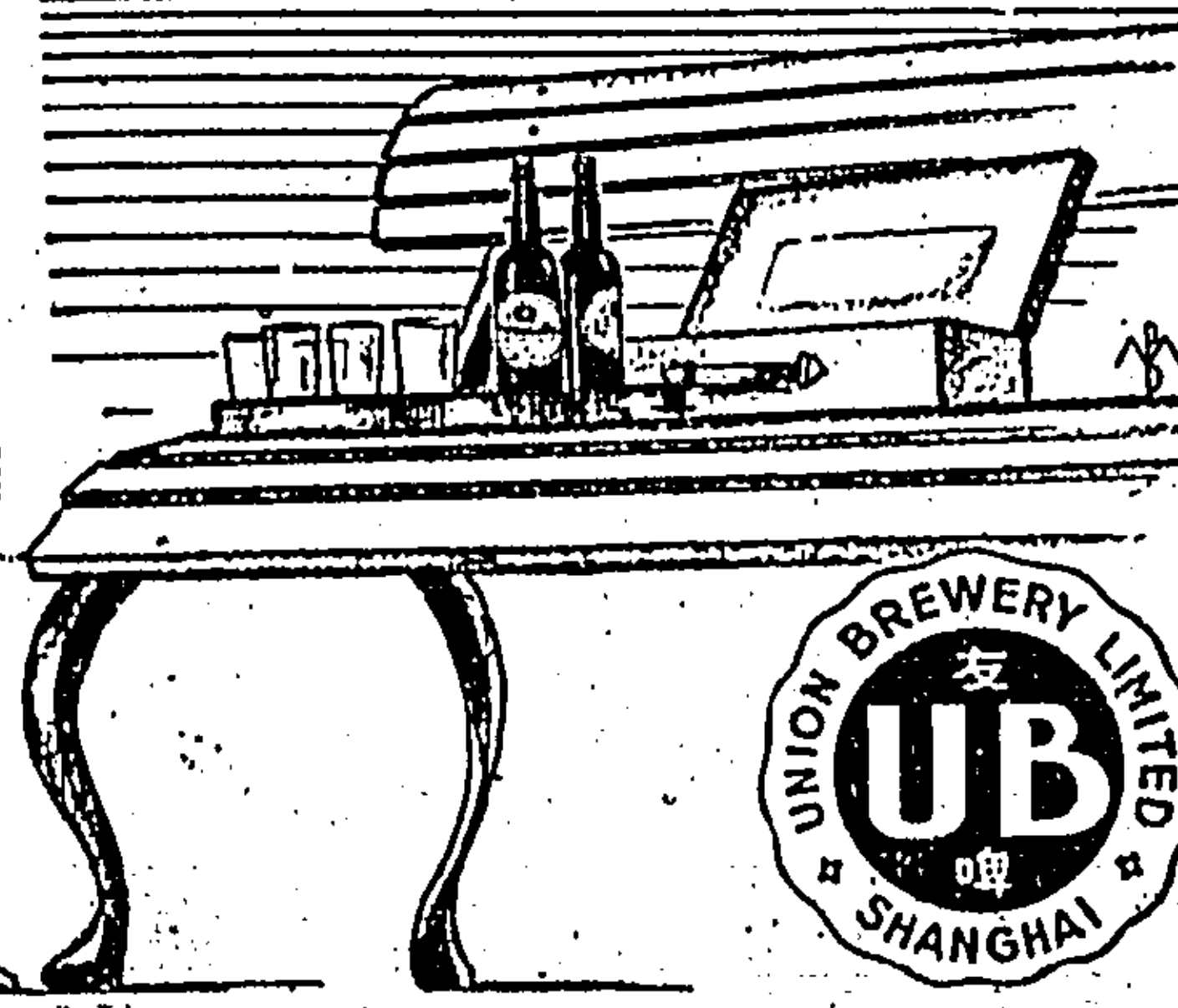
H.K. Banks	\$1,305
Docks "O"	\$18
Providents	\$5.50
Watsons	\$10.50

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MANY BLACK-OUT SUMMONSES

Warden Witnesses Absent

Nearly 40 summonses relating to lighting offences alleged to have occurred during the black-out of October 20, were heard by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy to-day. The majority of the A.R.P. wardens who were complainants in the summonses, attended Court but several were absent and this was the subject of a comment.

With the exception of three cases, the defendants in the remaining ones were all fined, the fines imposed averaging between \$5 and \$10.

One case revealed that Inspector A. Wright had been showered with stones and mud when it was "nice and dark."

Reference was made to the absence of some of the A.R.P. wardens from Court when summonses in which they were complainants were called up. Inspector Wright pointed out that all wardens concerned had been warned to attend Court.

Mr. Macfadyen pointed out that the absence of wardens made it difficult for him to assess the seriousness of offences.

A. E. Perry of 13 Homantin Street, first floor, denied that a light was showing from his house at 7 p.m. that night. He was not at home but he was prepared to call Mrs. Perry to the witness box to testify. The warden who was complainant in this case was absent from Court and Inspector Wright said that no reason had been given to him for the warden's absence.

The summons was dismissed. Another summons was also dismissed due to the absence of a warden. Defendant in this case pleaded that the light he had used was properly shielded and that it was on when a child was being born.

Inspector Stoned

Ip Ching-cheung, a stall fook of 19 Hamilton Street, was fined \$10. The summons against him was admitted. Inspector Wright said that dwellers in this house had been warned three times. Two stoves were in full use and the fire from these was visible 20 yards away. He himself had gone to the house to see that the matter was put right and when it was "nice and dark" he was stoned with mud and bricks.

To Look At Magistrate
Asked if he had been sent to Court to plead guilty on behalf of the man who was actually summoned, a

Postman Goes To Gaol

Letters Found In House

"The letters were found in my house so what's the use of pleading not guilty," said Lam Chung, 25, Postman No. 151, at the Criminal Sessions this morning when he was charged before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, with possession of two letters.

Lam added that he had no intention of keeping the letters and only left them in his house because he was too busy.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that Lam, who would lose his employment, had once been dealt with departmentally for giving letters, which he should have delivered, to somebody else.

His Lordship passed sentence of six months' hard labour.

Baltic Germans Returning

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Negotiations are proceeding between Germany and Russia for the repatriation of the Germans remaining in the Baltic States, according to a Stockholm dispatch to the "Free Press" agency in London.

Some 50,000 Germans in Lithuania, 10,000 in Estonia and Latvia were unable to return to Germany last year.

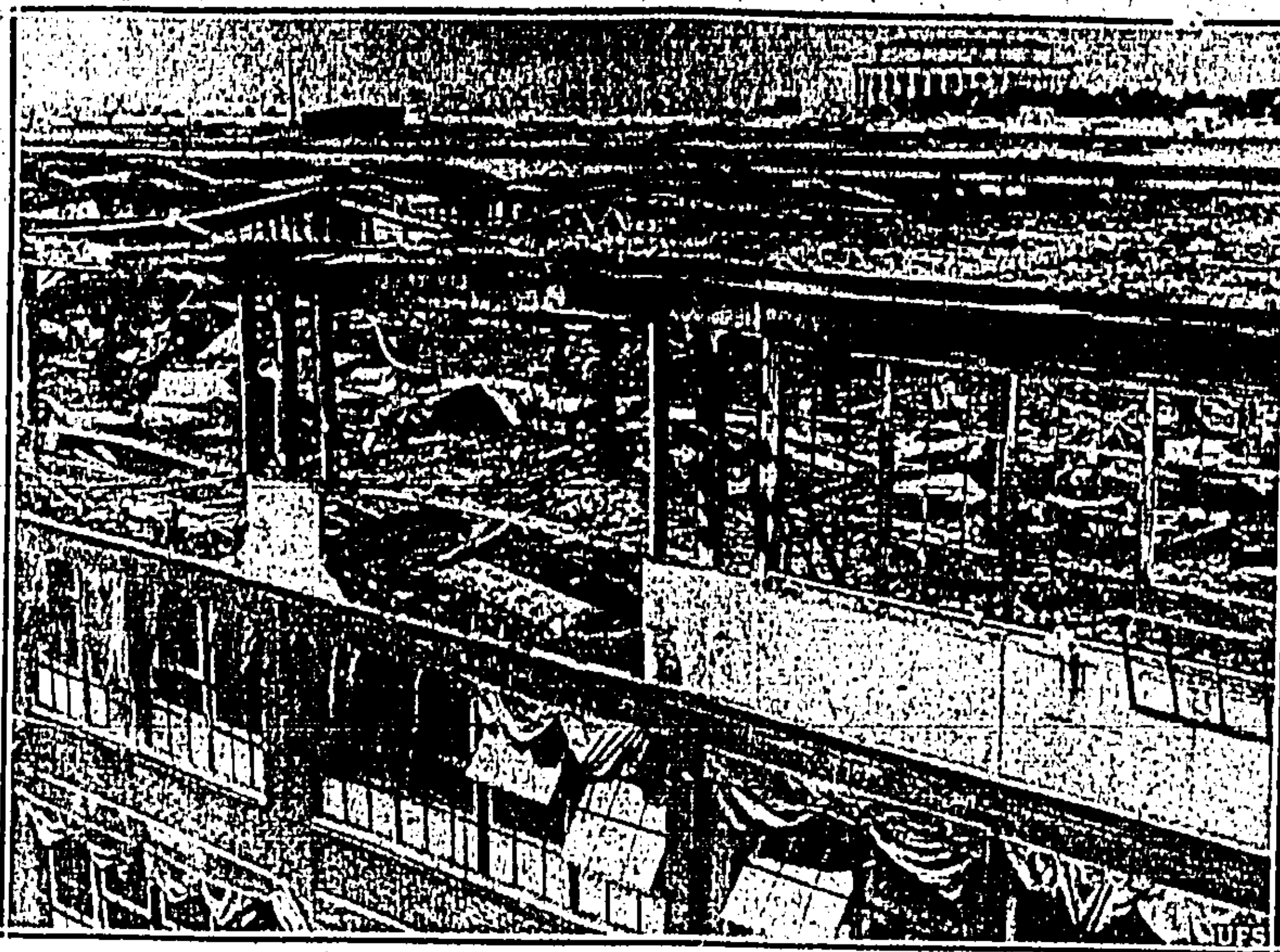
Deportation Problem Mentioned By C. J.

The hope that there would shortly be machinery in Hong-kong to prevent deportees from returning here, was expressed by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when he passed sentences ranging from one to two years' hard labour, on five life banishers.

Accused were: Lau Chung, Ho Ngan, Yeung Wing, Wong Sin and Li Kwai. All of them had bad criminal records, one with as many as 10 previous convictions. The first two were sentenced to 12 months' hard labour, the third to 18 months and the last two to two years.

In the case of Wong Sin, who had

nine previous convictions, His Lordship remarked that it was obvious that sentences had no reformative influence on him as he had spent most of his life in prison. "When you come out I trust there will be machinery in the Colony to prevent you, and persons like you, from returning," he added.



SECRET DATA SAVED—Washington officials are making extensive investigation of the fire that recently swept part of the War Department Munitions Building in Washington, endangering Army code books and other secret records, which were saved.

Appreciation Of Lady Late Mrs Gellion

The following appreciation is written by "A Friend"

By the death of Mrs F. J. Gellion, the little Colony of Macao has lost an outstanding and distinguished personality.

Though the deceased lady was only 42 years of age at the time of her death, she was able for a generation to influence Macao Society as no other member of the community, not through any self-imposed domination, but due to her good example and moral worth, her influence being profound and distinctly felt.

The deceased lady's disliking ostentation, she disliked pretence, she abhorred scandal, and the influence she exerted was only that of kindness and goodness.

No deserving cause ever called upon her without a generous and hearty response. Her not only ready to give material help but also kindly encouragement, while a smile for every one helped many on their way. It will be encouraging for her bereaved husband and the relatives who leave a wonderful legacy behind of acts of kindness, encouraging words, and help where it was needed. Many tell of her ever-ready ear in which they could unburden their cares, while as a hostess, hundreds will look back upon her charming, delightful entertainment, brightened by her pleasing presence, and infectious smiles, as events which stand out conspicuously in the social round of Macao.

Her friends were not limited to those alone, and are counted by scores in Hongkong, and in many other places in the Far East, any not confined to any one rank of society, but extend to the most lowly and their presence at her funeral which was one of the most imposing that has been seen in Macao, testified to the popularity of a good and noble lady.

She lived to make others happy, and leaves behind a lovely memory.

FURTHER \$1,000 FOR BOMBER FUND

A local Hollandian yesterday sent a donation of \$1,000 to the War Fund inaugurated by the C. M. Post, Ltd., with an accompanying letter which stated:

"I was struck by the letter, which appeared under 'Latest' in yesterday's Final Edition of The Hongkong Telegraph, and I agree with the statement therein that it should not be difficult to see the Bomber Fund reach the \$1,500,000 mark before Christmas."

"I am sending you \$1,000, and would ask you, if anyway possible, to acknowledge this as follows: 'A Dutchman's Christmas card for Hitler'."

A total of \$1,490,495.58 was reached yesterday by the War Fund, with the following donations:

Members of A.S.C. Coy.	\$ 133.43
Mr. L. A. Sterling (Oct. Nov. and Dec.)	150
The Family (further donation)	100
Wayfoong Philatelists (2nd donation)	50
Mr. J. A. Sterling (Oct. Nov. and Dec.)	150
Three Stanley Liers	15
Mr. and Mrs. D. Kelvin-Stark (2nd donation)	500
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Mr. H. A. Jones and donation	100
Sale of Calendars	204.65
Mr. E. F. Gingle	50
Mr. F. Tanner	50
Mr. E. P. Streetfield (monthly donation)	30
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sorby (3rd donation)	1,000
Anonymous	150
Ewa Barker School (4th donation)	150
"A Dutchman's Christmas Card for Hitler"	1,000
Per Hongkong War Effort Committee:	
Philippine Club (further donation)	20.50
Hongkong Buddhist Association (further donation)	381.65
Pealton Hotel (further donation)	50.00
Contributors from A.R.P. Engineers Institute (splitter)	23.75
Contributors from A.R.P. Officers Kowloon	110
Rundry Collections	623.64
Rundry Foreign Coins, etc.	12.00
Hongkong Hotel (Aeroplane and Bombs) (3rd Collection)	199.45
St. Patrick's Society	102.15
Society of Yokohamamen in Hongkong	100
Gloucester Hotel (3rd Collection)	60.50
Gloucester Hotel (Musical Box)	54.00
Jimmy's Kitchen (Musical Box)	12.50

Photographer's Clash With London Police

A SCENE between a photographer and a policeman after a bomb explosion in the West End was described at Marlborough Street recently.

Leslie Murray (34), cinema photographer, of Uphill Grove, Mill Hill, who, it was stated, was highly commended by the War Office for his photographic work at Narvik, was fined 20s. for obstructing the police officer.

DUTCH CAPTURE Nazi Ship Fails To Reach Home

LONDON, Dec. 12.

The Admiralty to-day announced—"The Royal Netherlands Navy ship Van Kinsbergen yesterday intercepted the German steamship Rhein, 6,031 tons, in West Indies waters. The crew of the Rhein set the ship on fire and attempted to scuttle her. This was frustrated by the prompt and gallant action of a boarding party from the Van Kinsbergen.

"This incident in the Western Atlantic illustrates the widespread and effective co-operation being rendered by the Royal Navy by the Royal Netherlands Navy."—British Wireless.

This is the first report of activity by a Dutch warship in the Western Hemisphere. The Van Kinsbergen is a destroyer of 1,700 tons and carries four 4.7 guns. She was used in previous years as a training ship.—United Press.

AUXILIARY NURSES PASS TESTS

Examinations Results

The following candidates satisfied the examiner at the recent First Aid Examination at the Queen Mary Hospital and will receive St. John Ambulance certificates in due course: Dorothy Ascoug, Sarah Abdullah, Joan Armstrong, Doris Brooks, Marie Botelho, Norah Bascombe, Mary Bander, Jenn Baker, Margaret Bunje, Sister St. Ceille, Kathleen Crommelin, Lily Chan, Christine Corra, Clementina Cook, Jean Chalmers, Leopoldine Corra, Margaret Clark, Mary Chan, Jeanne Chan, Eva Davidson, Norah Dillon, Mary Donnelly, Beryl Farrar, Mabel Fielder, Mary Fielder, Lily Franklin, Marjorie Fordham, Jane Fraser, Sister St. Gertrude, Marjorie Grindley, Vera Gavriloff, Margaret Guttering, Lillian Howie, Gudrun Heiberg, Caroline Howell, Jessie Holland, Madeline Haynes, Margaret Harrison, Margaret Leighton, Doris Lemmon, Sarah Logan, Florence Lammert, Betha Ma, Ida Montgomery, Eileen Mould, Winifred Margaret, Ann Moodie, Jean Oppen, Suzanne Hutton-Potts, Gwendoline Priestwood, Lily Paul, Agnes Peters, Kathleen Rossett, Doris Simpson, Margaret Suttell, Peggy Sharp, Gladys Skinner, Mary Sturt, Pamela Turnbull, B. Thompson, Dorothy Wilson, Frances Webber, Wong Po-lin, Norah Wittchell, Norah Wentworth, W. Yu.

The undermentioned members have now completed their 50 hours hospital training in the wards and gained their proficiency certificate:

Olga Archangelosky, Mary Bruce, Ethel Byrne, Chae Tsan-hung, Diana Dodwell, Grace Darby, Margaret Fortescue, Julia Fulker, Nina Goldstein, Millicent Joffe, Sister Marie de Sacrement, Sister Marie de Victoire, Sally Moir, Kathleen Moir, Elizabeth Rodgers, Eileen Redmond, Sister St. Stanislava, Margaret Taylor, Katherine Upstonsky, Ceila Wornack.

A new series of Home Nursing Lectures will commence at Queen Mary Hospital at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 1941. Will applicants please send in their names to the Hon. Secretary, Queen Mary Hospital, as early as possible.

The Hon. Secretary would be glad to receive the names of all members who are willing to volunteer to assist in Clinics—Out-patient Departments, etc., should extra assistance be required at any time.

Mr W. A. O'Neill, Manager of Reuters, Ltd., at Hongkong was among the passengers who disembarked here yesterday from a Dutch liner from Manila.

Buencamino Returning

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

Felipe Buencamino who was recently convicted of conspiracy to defraud in connection with the Manila Railway bonds arrived to-day aboard the President Jackson en route to Manila.

In response to a request for an interview, he said that he regretted that the conditions of his parole precluded his complying with the request as the parole boards' instructions specifically warned him against "publicity of any kind." He appeared to be in good health and is obviously pleased to be going home. He came ashore this morning in company with several prominent Shanghai Americans with whom he is spending the day. He will sail on the same vessel early on Friday.—United Press.

Britons In Paris

Lisbon, Dec. 12.

About 600 British women were assembled in Paris on December 9 and entrusted for a camp at Besancon, according to a traveller who has just arrived from Paris. One woman was 84 years old.—Reuter.

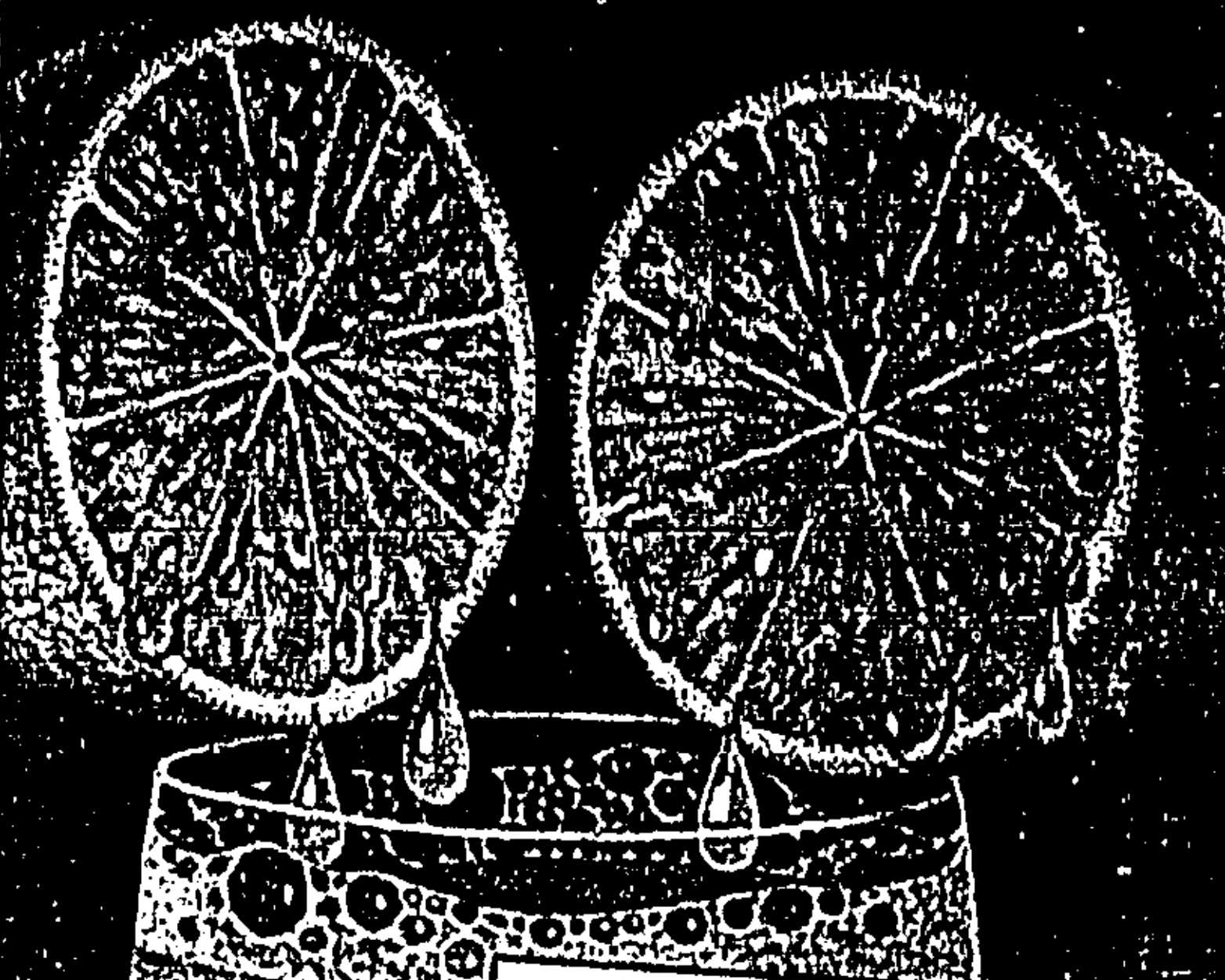
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ENVOY'S DEATH SHOCKS BRITAIN

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to the British Diplomatic Service. As Britain's premier Ambassador he had the courage to cast tradition to the winds and speak openly and freely upon the most important issues between Britain and the United States. His first interviews and speeches must have shocked certain quarters where tradition is hallowed and, perhaps, a little more grown. But his frankness and sincerity have paid in a land which is generous and free in its political outlook.

Popular in U.S.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The news of Lord Lothian's death produced expressions of regret throughout the United States.

Tributes are paid to his "informal friendliness" and to his Baltimore speech which is described as "one of the best of his career and a level-headed approach to the problems of the day."

Lord Lothian was one of the most popular Ambassadors London ever sent to Washington.

The American press who previously seldom ever saw the Ambassador, took to him from the very beginning. Every time he visited the White House or the State Department a large crowd of journalists awaited his exit. They were seldom disappointed for he always spoke as freely as circumstances permitted.

Sympathy is felt on all sides here for the British nation at the loss of a servant whose passing comes at the time of his maximum usefulness to his country in a period of international danger and crisis.

Yesterday's Big Air Battle Over Britain

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Scores of raiders, in successive waves, crossed the east and southeast coast, and for two hours British fighters soared to the attack.

No bombs were dropped on these coastal areas, but bomb-like explosions mingled with anti-aircraft fire inland.

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ITALIANS FLEE IN DISORDER

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EL SOLLUM CAPTURED

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for many weeks, has delivered a blow against the Italians that may rock the foundations and edifice of the Fascist Empire.

There is already general speculation in Cairo whether the Italians will have to relinquish their hold on Abyssinia. For months, the Italian morale in East Africa has been bolstered up by the empty assurance that Mussolini's army was ready to march to the Nile Delta at any moment to open up the Suez Canal.

But if the British offensive continues as satisfactorily as at present, the Italian army in Abyssinia may, it is suggested, throw in the sponge because of pressure being exerted by British forces already hammering at the frontier.

Battle For Oasis
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Dec. 12 (UP).—General Graziani hurled 1,000 motorized units against the British in the battle for the oasis and the war for water.

Every well, water hole and palm tree was a military goal.

Both sides are using moving fortresses—the Italians using mainly tanks and the British balloon-tired trucks, while the Italians used 100 anti-tank guns and also for the first time, incendiary grenades.

Motorized Italian Blackshirts and barefoot Libyan flying columns are reported to have replaced all the Libyan camel corps and Libyan cavalry.

It is officially stated that the British suffered heavy losses west of Sidi Barrani and that the Italians also sustained considerable casualties.

Reports claim that Italian coastal batteries hit a British cruiser which was trying to shell Chisinaio in Italian Somaliland.

Far Reaching Blow Of British In N. A.

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people in general and to the Army in particular.

Portuguese Interest
LISBON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Portuguese are following the British and Greek victories with intense interest, and crowds gather in the streets awaiting the issue of the evening newspapers, eagerly reading the news posted outside newspaper offices.

It is officially stated that the British suffered heavy losses west of Sidi Barrani and that the Italians also sustained considerable casualties.

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Motorized Italian Blackshirts and barefoot Libyan flying columns are reported to have replaced all the Libyan camel corps and Libyan cavalry.

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BANKS	
H.K. Bank	1365 sa.
H.K. Bank (H.K.)	78 n.
H.K. Bank (H.K.)	81 n.
Chartered	26 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	26 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. & E.	103 1/2 n.
East Asia	74 b.

INSURANCES	
Canton	185 b.
Union	395 s.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	150 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglas	135 n.
Steamships	11 n.
Indo-China P.	100 n.
Indo-China D.	80 n.
Shell (Dealers)	30 3/4 n.
Waterboats	7 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	92 b.
Docks (old)	10 sa.
Docks (new)	17 1/2 n.
Providents	5 50 s.
Shanghai Dockyards	30 n.

MINING	
Kailan	10 3/4 n.
Rauha	9 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 n.

LANDS	
Hotels	3 1/4 b.
Lands	33 1/2 n.
Lands 4 1/2	100 n.
Shanghai Lands	11 1/2 n.
Humphreys	73 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities	3 30 s.
Chinese Estates	100 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	17 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (old)	7 40 n.
Peak Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Shir	59 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries	24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	7 30 n.
China Lights (new)	7 10 n.
H.K. Electric (old)	40 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	39 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (old)	17 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (new)	10 1/2 n.
Sandokan Lights	11 1/2 n.
Telephones (old)	25 1/2 n.
Telephones (new)	10 20 n.

INDUSTRIALS	
Caid. Macg. (Ord.)	14 00 n.
Caid. Macg. (Pref.)	12 n.
Canton Ices	1 n.
Cement	18 10 n.
H.K. Ropes	7 n.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	10 00 n.
Watsons	10 1/2 n.
Lane Crayfords	9 n.
Sinceres	2 15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	30 n.
Powell Ltd.	1 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	37 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	165 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2	98 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 (1934)	94 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5 1/2 1925 GSBds.	35 1/2 n.
H.K. Entertainments	7 b.
Constructions (old)	1 00 b.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	7 10 n.
Mareman Inv. (Lon)	7 1/2 n.
Mareman Inv. (H.K.)	2 1/2 n.

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Hankow	Hankow
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Hongkong	Hongkong
Kobe	Kobe
Kuala Lumpur	Kuala Lumpur
London	London
Lyons	Lyons
Manila	Manila
Medan	Medan
Penang	Penang
Peking	Peking
Rangoon	Rangoon
Singapore	Singapore
Sourabaya	Sourabaya
Tientsin	Tientsin
Tokyo	Tokyo
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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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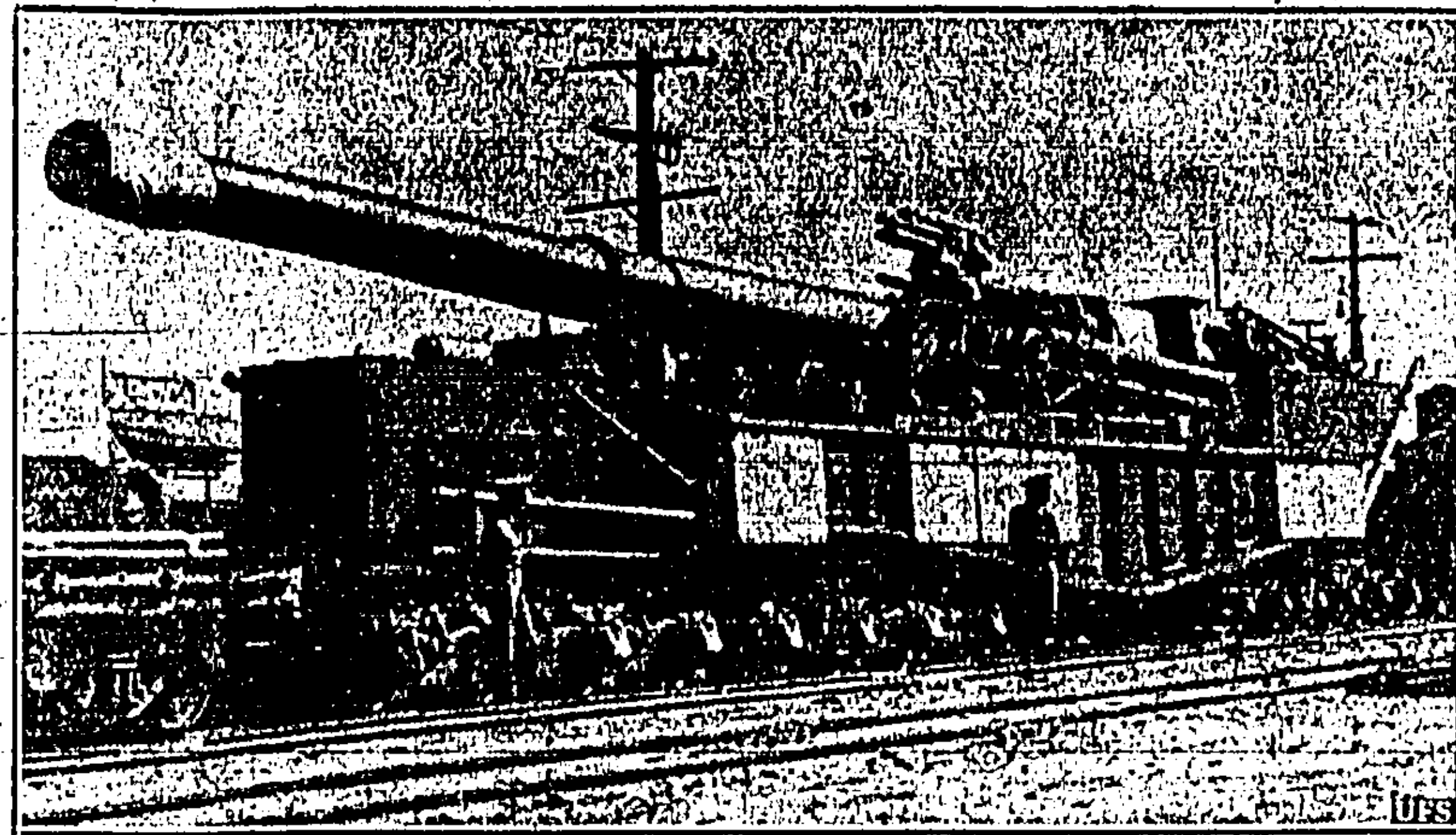
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2	40	Opposite the Blind Home, Pokfulam Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.	N. S. E. W.	As per sale plan.	1150	\$100



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H. K. T. 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Vivian Ellis at the Piano.

12.40 Gerald and His Orchestra.

Accordeon Nights, Medley, Fox-Trots—Don't Worry 'Bout Me (from 'Cotton Club Parade'), What Goes Up Must Come Down (from 'Cotton Club Parade'), ... Gerald and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain, 'The Fleet's Up'—Selection, Gerald and His London Hippodrome Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Boccherini—Concerto in B Flat Major.

1st Mov. Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov. Adagio non troppo; 3rd Mov. Rondo (Allegro)—Cadenza ... Pau Casals ('Cello) and The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir London Ronald.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 John McCormack (Tenor) and the London Palladium Orchestra. Marches—The Liberator (Ancliffe), The Spirit of Youth (Gilbert) ... The London Palladium Orchestra; The Kerry Dance (Molloy) ... John McCormack (Tenor) with Orchestra; Love Makes the World Go Round (from 'These Foolish Things') ... London Palladium Orchestra. Soloist Gerry Fitzgerald; Green Isle of Erin (Bingham-Rochell) ... John McCormack (Tenor) with Orchestra; Master Melodies.

2.15 Close Down.

6.30 Closing-Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 The Kentucky Minstrels.

Whisper and I Shall Hear (Piccolini) ... Soloist John Duncan; The Singing Fool (Hearst) ... Soloist John Duncan; Carry Me Back to Green Pastures (Pepper) ... Soloist: George James.

7.45 Marcel Falott at the Organ.

Sylvia Ballet—Fantasy (Delibes); Perambles—Dance of the Bricks of Kashmir (Rubinstein); La Danza (Rossini); Jan Kiepura Film Memorials.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Charlie Kung at the Piano.

8.15 London Relay—Stanley Holloway.

8.30 Variety.

Organ and Piano—The Bell of St. Mary's (Adams) ... Robinson Cleaver and Patricia Rossborough; Vocal—Seein' is Believin' (Adams and Ager); Rehearsing a Lullaby (Hoffman and Others) ... Les Allen (Baritone) with Piano and Orchestra; Piano—Speak Easy (Gershwin); Home (De Rose) ... The Eight Piano Symphony; Vocal—Experiment ('Nymph Errant'—Cole Porter), The Physician ('Nymph Errant'—Cole Porter) ... Gertrude Lawrence with Orchestra; Vocal—Form Fours—War Songs Medley ... The Big Four (Vocal Quartet) with Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: 'Books and People'.

9.45 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Iolanthe'; 'The Yeomen of the Guard'; 'The Pirates of Penzance'.

10.15 Variety. Orchestra—Fantasia on Son Shanties (arr. Ghiblino) ... London Symphony Orchestra; Vocal—Ah, Moon of My Delight (from 'In a Persian Garden')—Omar Khayyam—Lehmann; Webster Booth with Orchestra; Orchestra—The Flowers Cares—Waltz (Lautens), in Tulp Land—Waltz (Raveller) ... Edith Norman Long Vocal—Bobby, What Else Can I Do? (from 'Grand Terrace Revue'); I Just Got a Letter (Franklin) ... Ethel Waters with Orchestra; Vocal—Turn on the Old Music Box, Give a Little Whistle (both from film 'Pinocchio') ... Arthur Askey with Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

Islands Orphaned By War

Aid Given To Britain By Dutch West Indies

Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 12, (UP).—Although still living under a "state of siege," the six islands of the Netherlands West Indies group governed from here have felt remarkably little effect of the war which, in the space of five days, made orphans of them when the Netherlands surrendered to the German blitzkrieg through the Low Countries.

The great majority of the 60,000 persons living on Curacao, Aruba, Bonaire, Saba, St. Martin and St. Eustatius have pitched in to perfect their defences and continue the peaceful life of the islands as much as possible.

Five Girl Experts On War Lies

On the third floor of the Ministry of Information there is a room called the Anti-Lie Bureau. It is controlled by dark-haired Miss Elizabeth Monroe.

Since the war started she and her four young women assistants have been scrutinizing the German news services and cables to find lies—"whoppers" they call them.

The bureau is open day and night, so that the staff can deal with the mass of literature which filters in hour after hour.

"All the girls here speak German fluently," Miss Monroe told a reporter. "The essence of our work is speed."

There are two classes of "whoppers." The first covers German lies which, in fact, defeat themselves and are, therefore, not worth troubling about.

"But in the second group there is an average of a dozen a day. Our job then is to look round as quickly as possible and find the necessary material to counteract these lies."

I asked Miss Monroe how many lies the bureau dealt with during the course of a day.

"That is a difficult question to answer. I don't want to tell you a 'whopper' myself," she said, "but I should think we find something like a hundred lies a day."

NEGRESS, 114, BELIEVED OLDEST WOMAN IN AMERICA

ALAMEDA, Cal. (UP).—Mrs. Sylvia Hoover, born a slave during the Presidency of John Quincy Adams, celebrated here recently her 114th birthday.

With her at the time were two of her children, Walter Hoover, 80, and her 72-year-old daughter, Rose Ella Hoover.

Mrs. Hoover believes she is the oldest woman in the United States, if not in the world.

"I had twelve children," she said, "and eight of them are still alive."

"I buried my husband 47 years ago. I married him in 1856. I was 20 years younger than he was. We were separated for seven years when we were sold apart as slaves."

"Then after the emancipation by Abraham Lincoln, we got together again."

"My husband was the first freed slave in the country to own his own land. That was in Mississippi where he had 150 acres."

"In 1870 he was elected a supervisor from Holmes county."

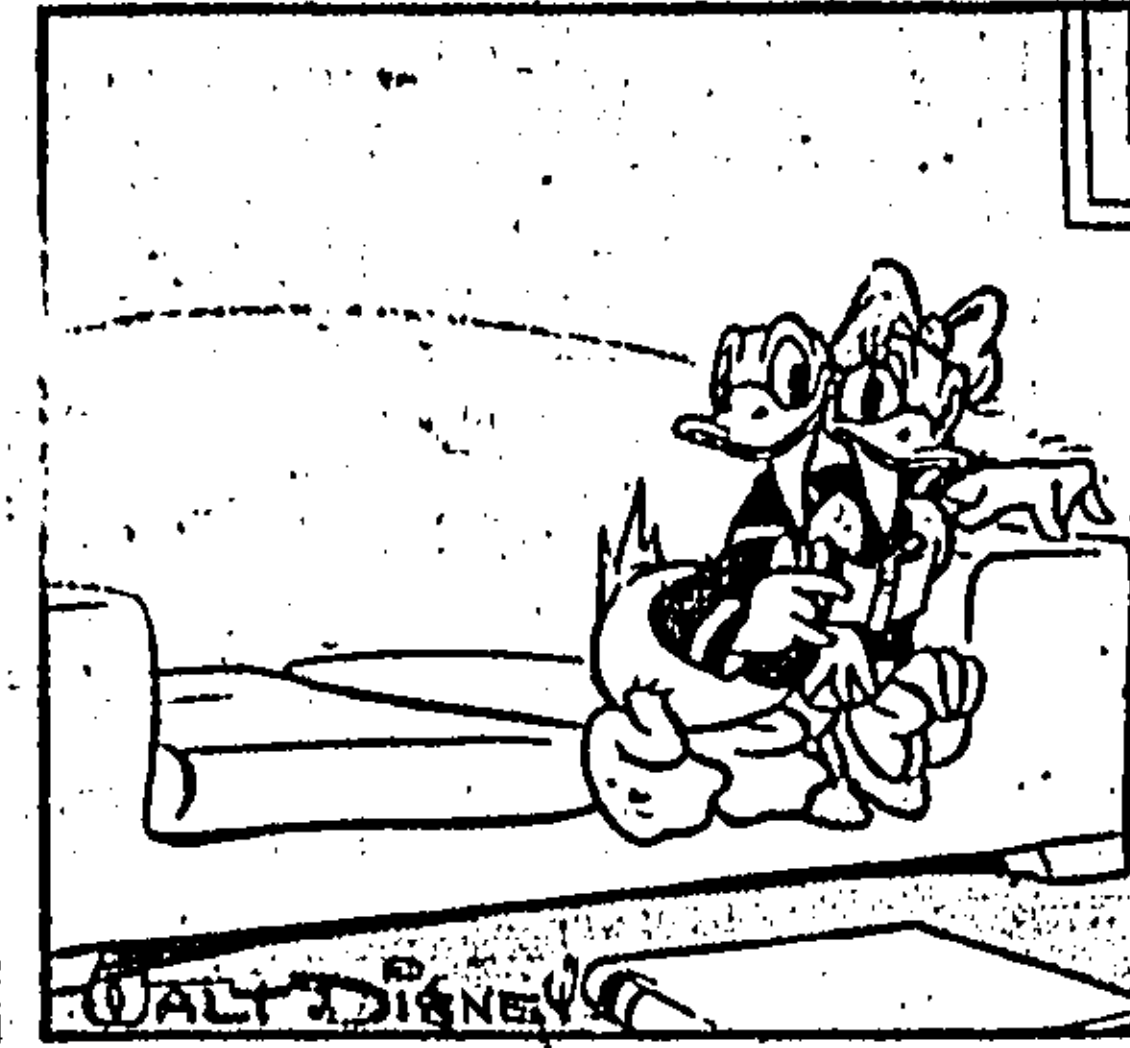
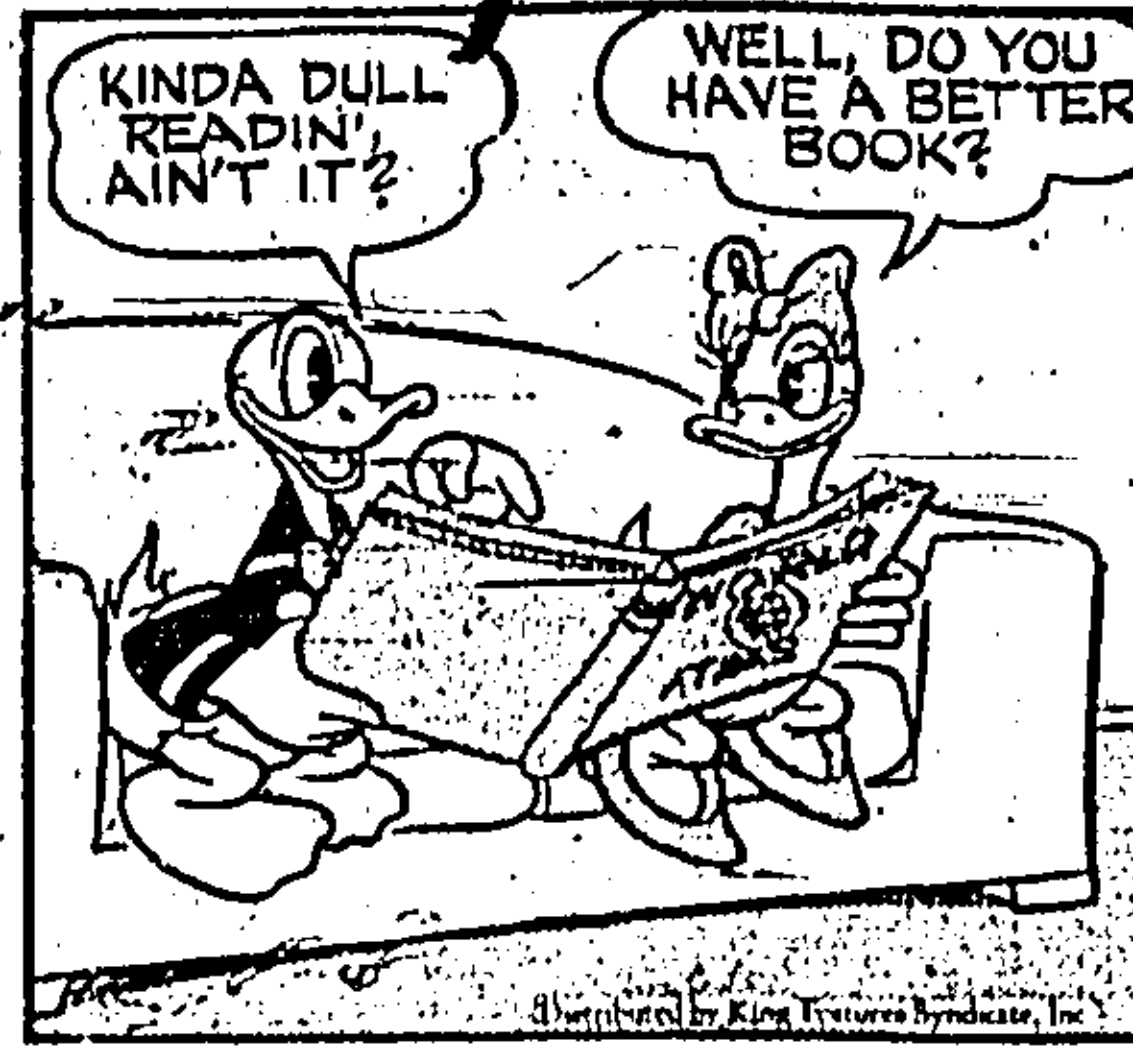
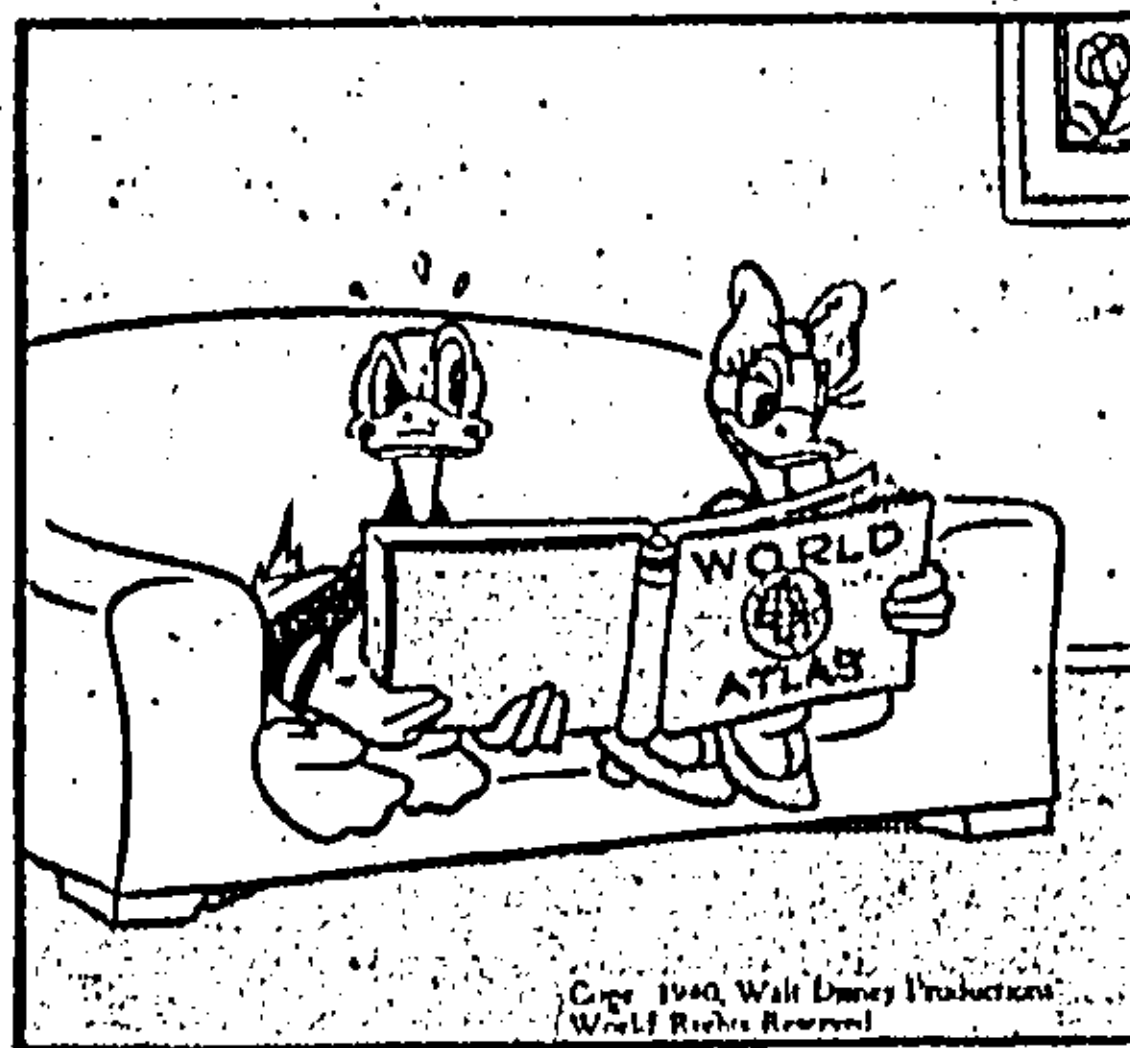
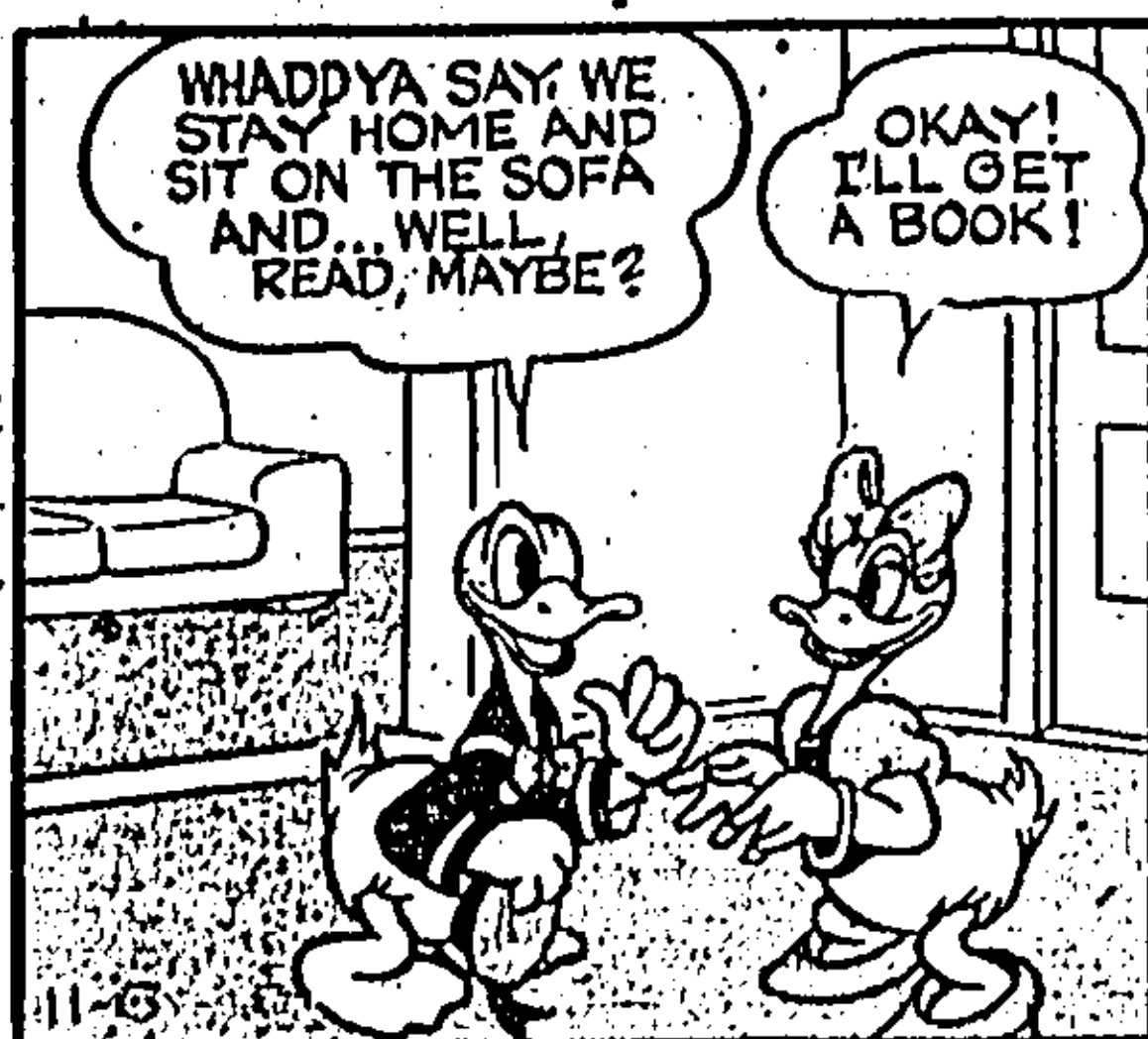
Escaped From Floods

Mrs. Hoover brought her family here in 1913 to get away from the floods which were damaging her property in Mississippi.

"Once I marched in a parade for Benjamin Harrison," she said. "That was pretty recent, in 1887."

"Up until three years ago I made block quilts and did the housework. But now my eyes are too bad. I hurt my right eye 25 years ago while cutting kindling. But now my daughter reads to me."

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RESUME

Since marriage is a girl's only career in the 1800's, Mrs. Bennet, mother of five marriageable daughters — Elizabeth, Jane, Mary, Lydia and Kitty — campaigns like a general to capture two rich London bachelors, Mr. Darcy and Mr. Bingley, for her two elder girls. Jane and Bingley fall in love at first sight, but Darcy's pride in his family and rank, prejudices Elizabeth against him despite the fact that they are warmly drawn to each other. Darcy finds Elizabeth's family impossible. Her gentle father is completely overshadowed by her vulgar, scheming mother, and her sisters, outside of Jane, are a pretentious bore. Lydia and Kitty are unmanably boisterous. Elizabeth is completely incensed at Darcy's treatment of George Wickham whom he refuses to meet. She credits his refusal to the fact that Wickham is the son of Darcy's late steward. Darcy, disgusted with the Bennet family influences Bingley against Jane. Jane is heartbroken. Then Darcy realises that family or no, he cannot conquer his honest love for Elizabeth. He proposes and she rejects him with contempt.

Chapter Five

FAMILY SKELETON

And then tragedy overtook the entire Bennet household.

Lydia, without bothering to stop for a marriage licence, eloped to London with George Wickham.

Mrs. Bennet took to her bed, overwhelmed by the disgrace which followed in the wake of her daughter's mad caprice. Not only did the elopement set Lydia outside the pale, its scandal ruined forever all chance of marriage for her four other daughters.

Jane, returning from London, and Elizabeth, back from her visit to Charlotte, accepted this result with grim silence. Since Bingley was lost to her, Jane had no interest in husbands. Elizabeth, having flitted refused Darcy's offer of marriage, settled her mind to the fact that she'd live and die a spinster.

Through Charlotte's husband, Mr. Collins, Darcy heard of the scandal. His immediate reaction was to take the first coach to Meryton, and upon arrival, set out at once for the Bennet home.

Mary rushed to tell Elizabeth that Darcy was in the parlour waiting to speak to her. Darcy rose from his chair as she entered.

"Mr. Darcy!" she greeted, her tone sharp with angry defiance. "May I ask what has brought you here?"

"Feel no alarm, Madam," he replied coldly. "I have no intention of re-opening the painful subject of marriage. After what you said the other day, that chapter is definitely closed." He paused, and his voice, when he again spoke, was gentle. "Dad news travels fast, Miss Bennet. A few hours after you left the Collins' home I heard about George Wickham and your sister. I felt it my duty to come at once."

"To triumph over us, I suppose," she answered bitterly.

"To offer my services," he said kindly. Her amazed stare gave him momentary pause. "Miss Bennet," he continued, "I told you the other day that, where Wickham was concerned, I chose to be silent. What has happened to your sister has made me change my mind. You have a right to know the truth about Wickham. One must know the worst in order to be able to guard against it. Your sister's case was not the first, Miss Bennet."

Elizabeth paled. "Do you mean that Wickham has done this before?" she cried.

"To my own sister," he said unhappily.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

Adapted from the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture

by GERTRUDE GELBIN

cruciating emptiness where one's heart ought to be. Oh, Jane, I love him so much. I'm so dreadfully unhappy." With great effort she controlled herself. "How selfish I'm being," she sobbed as she dried her eyes. "As if I were the only one to be unhappy. Jane, my poor darling. You never did anything wrong — but look what happened between you and Mr. Bingley. Oh, it's not fair."

"I'm not really unhappy, Lizzy," Jane whispered. "It was worse at the beginning when I was always expecting him to write, or even come back. But now I don't do that any more. I only dream of him. You'll have to learn to dream, too, Lizzy. Like I do."

And their arms about each other, the two sisters wept out their heartache.

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Mr. Bennet returned from London, his mission a failure. Lydia

and Mr. Wickham were nowhere to be found. Now disgrace muddled the entire family with a vengeance. They were no longer in good standing with their neighbours. They were refused admittance to Meryton's annual celebration, the Assembly Ball. Street boys sang uncomplimentary songs about Lydia and Wickham. It was no longer safe for the girls to shop in the village. Jeers and taunts followed them everywhere.

And then, as unexpectedly as they had run away, as unexpectedly did Lydia and George Wickham return.

Like the silly, selfish, irresponsible child she was, Lydia took no notice of the sorrowful straits to which she had reduced her family. All that was important to her, besides, everything was now changed.

For Lydia and George Wickham were married!

More, George had suddenly come into a fortune! He was vague about its source, but Mrs. Bennet was too excited at this suddenly unexpected happy ending to try to pry to the point. Let the whole family rejoice! Her own little Lydia — Lydia, who was just sixteen — was married! The baby of the Bennet family was the wife of a handsome, cunning, and (Oh! blessed thought), rich army officer.

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Into the mad excitement of the family reunion, strode the dour and stern person of Lady Catherine de Brough, Darcy's aunt.

She swept the Bennets with a baleful eye, dismissing the introduction to Wickham with the remark that his father had served in her family, offering acid comment in place of congratulations to Lydia, and in general leaving bewildered confusion and stunned hurt at her uninvited presence and highly offensive haughtiness.

"Mrs. Bennet," she finally announced, "I have come here solely to speak with your daughter, Miss Elizabeth. And I should like to talk to her alone."

Mrs. Bennet, overawed by the importance of the lady addressing her, hastily shoos her family from the room.

As the door closed, Lady Catherine swung about and faced Elizabeth.

"Miss Bennet," she began peremptorily. "You can be at no loss to understand the reason for my journey hither. Your own conscience must tell you that I have come to demand that you retract at once the rumour which has reached me."

Elizabeth stared at her in astonishment. "I have been told," Lady Catherine continued severely, "that you, Miss Elizabeth Bennet are shortly to be engaged to my nephew, Mr. Darcy."

And, having fired her bomb, Lady Catherine de Brough sat

down in a fever of righteous wrath.

Where did Lady Catherine get this information? Can there be any truth in it? Read to-morrow's concluding chapter.

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



Life In Italy

WAR has radically changed Italian life, and the shortcomings of Fascism in peacetime with its restrictions on personal liberty have, now that the nation is engaged in a major conflict, merged into a struggle for existence.

Foreigners, Italy's invisible export are as rare as flies in the wintertime — except for Germans who come to get and not to give. A few neutrals with business interests find life difficult and the odd hundred British who stayed on have been sent to the mountains to spend a lonely time for the duration.

Strangely enough, Florence, the city that used to thrive on its English visitors, has been most unkind to them now that they have become enemies, and many were sent to gaol when war began.

Britons in Rome, mostly elderly ladies, perhaps amounting to a score, have had an easier time. One woman living on the outskirts, of the city has been allowed to live in her villa, and Italians soldiers are billeted in her park.

But it is in the North that the war is most felt. Late nights are a thing of the past. Since the R.A.F. raids began life shuts down at 11 p.m. Trains, buses, trams and cinemas close before this hour, which has become a sort of unofficial curfew.

The black-out during the stifling summer months was difficult. Appeals are still published in the Press asking people to be more careful with their lights. When a raid is on, the matter is simpler — the current is cut off at the

down in a fever of righteous wrath.

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power station until the "all clear."

Problems of raid shelters which, up to now, have been limited to cellars, are being studied. House-owners have to reinforce their cellars and furnish them with chairs or benches and hurricane lamps.

According to the "Gazzetta del Popolo," of Turin, the Fascist leader of the town inspected the shelters during a raid and found them unsatisfactory. He published a report, reproduced in all the papers, and stated that fines would be imposed if shelters were not improved or if they were not kept clean.

Complaints are published in the "Popolo di Roma," about the exorbitant prices for vegetables and fruit.

Shopkeepers increase the price set by the municipal authorities, so that grapes, which were 6d. a pound last year, are now 1s 6d. A list is published in the paper of over 200 green-grocers who are now in gaol for profiteering.

Wine prices have been blocked because of attempts to corner this commodity, consumption of which has soared recently. Fish, the distribution and price of which have been controlled, is now insufficient to go round.

Sugar is also scarce. The ration of a pound a month continues, but chemists have had their stocks curtailed by 25 per cent.

Soviet Army Manoeuvres

Russia's Far Eastern troops are on manoeuvres near Khabarovsk, conducting joint exercises with units of the Amur flotilla of the Soviet Fleet, according to "Red Star," the Soviet Army newspaper.

It is also revealed that Red Fleet manoeuvres are still in progress in the Black Sea.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Model of excellence
- Light of proving
- Small North American bird
- Government protection for livestock
- Copper arsenate
- West Indian society
- Free from extraneous value
- Japanese copper coin
- Excitable rotating piece
- Propelling device for boat
- All no time
- Bill of lading
- Spread over
- None
- American quail
- Drying holiday
- In vicinity of
- Put into effect
- Swiss river
- Bun
- Turned around
- Cut into thin pieces
- Italians
- That thing
- Not fresh
- Determine by measurement
- Uttered in affected manner
- Unworked metals
- Custom
- Unit of energy
- Horned pepper plant
- Years of life
- According to verbal statement

DOWN

- Placed in bird habitat
- More unusual
- Small Norse god
- Room for storing
- Medicine process
- Relative to lockjaw
- Punishment
- Way of
- Spanish title of respect
- Flower on hind legs
- Concerning
- Mechanisms
- Headband (Arabic)
- None
- Accustomed way
- Mixed by equivocation
- Pertaining to plants
- Point of compass
- Clattering sound
- Jewish territorial
- Organization
- Traveling company
- Altered by
- Married punishment
- Shirt of plant used in dressing cloth
- Short treatise
- Done as amusements
- Series of dramatic events
- Ireland
- Biblical name
- Joakim
- Preceding
- Unity

66—Copper urn for keeping water hot

67—Dried

68—Laying from source

69—Become more gentle

70—Expresses sorrow for

1—North American Indian infant

2—Southern state

3—Dore to bed

4—Reverential fear

5—Criminal being (Mohammedan)

6—Many times

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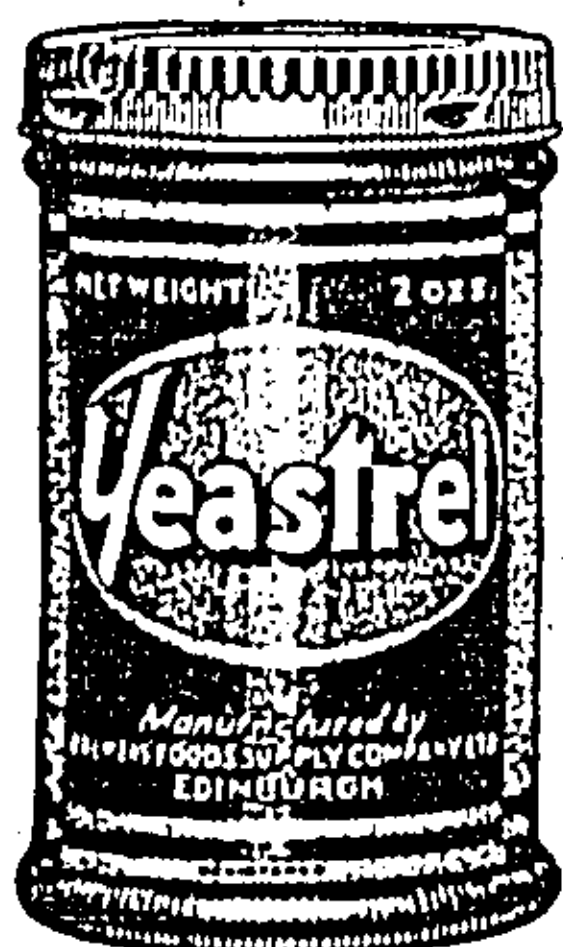
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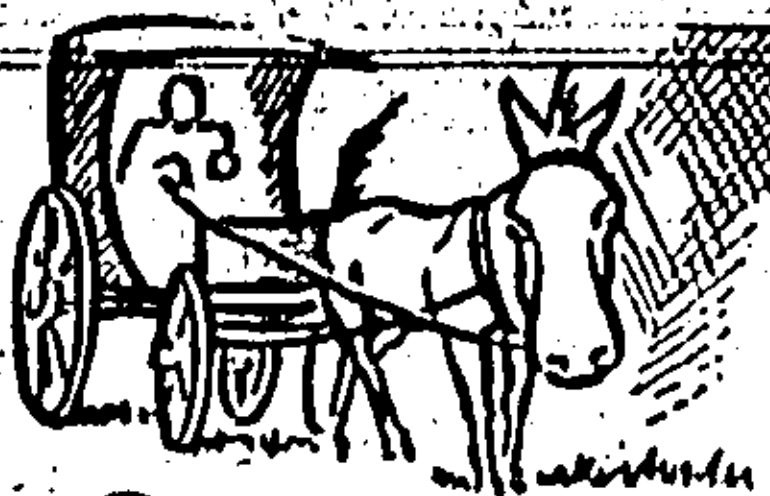
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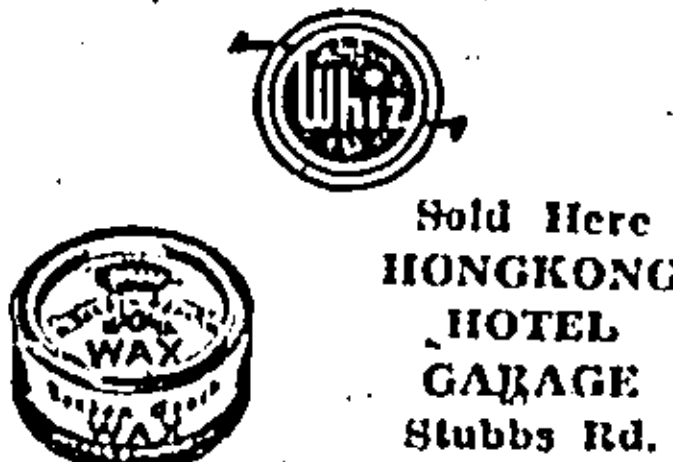
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THE FIRST VICTORY

THE BRITISH Empire has
won its first victory of this war
on the land. This is the cheer-
ful and invigorating news which
has resounded throughout the
peace-loving and democratic na-
tions of the world consequent
upon the British western desert
offensive, which has resulted in
the retaking of the important
sea town of Sidi Barrani and the
capture of three Italian generals
and several thousands of enemy
troops.

Timed to perfection and
carried out with initiative, gal-
lantry and precision, the sweep-
ingly successful drive made by
British and Dominion troops has
not only struck a serious blow
at the Italians—already depressed
and worried because of the
Greece fiasco—but has let the
world know that, given fair con-
ditions and proper leadership,
the Empire's soldiers still rank
as the finest in the universe.

The achievement in recaptur-
ing Sidi Barrani must not be
exaggerated from the military
viewpoint; it means that we
have regained something which
had previously been lost. Its
most potent aspect is that at
long last our troops have been
able to assume the offensive.
How long have they waited for
this moment! Norway, Flanders,
France, Dunkirk, British Soma-
land, northwestern Egypt! They
recall retreats, rear-guard
fighting, defensive action—and
not a little disappointment. But
the Western Desert victory is
the outcome of a well-planned,
skillfully executed offensive, and
coming after so long and patient
a vigil, the fruits of that victory
taste all the sweeter.

And it is timely to appraise the
implications of the success. Its im-
mediate effect is to have relieved
Egypt and the Suez Canal of the
long-threatened Italian assault; it
has taken the initiative from Graz-
iani and his armies, and has created
a new strategic situation, pregnant
with possibilities. Libya has become
the country overshadowed by the
terrifying spectre of invasion, and

The best way to use our Army— "Its main function should be Surprise"

by **G. Ward Price**

WHAT is the best way to
win the war? That we
shall win it no one in Britain
doubts, even while Hitler is
still at his strongest and do-
ing the worst of which he is
capable.

At present we are main-
taining a huge Navy, build-
ing up a mighty Air Force,
and creating an Army
several millions strong.
Supremacy in all three
forms of warfare is more
than the Germans them-
selves have attempted. Vast
though British resources
are, it is obviously wise to
concentrate them upon the
development of those arms
which will most quickly pro-
cure victory.

The present campaign has
already revealed one factor
in this problem which we
had underestimated. It has
proved the intrinsic strength
of our insular position to be
much greater than we had
ever believed.

Those responsible for British
strategy had always feared that
the capture by an enemy of the
ports on the other side of the
English Channel would bring
about our downfall. To avert
this danger was the principal
aim of British policy, both
diplomatic and military.

Yet now, not only the Chan-
nel ports, but those of the Nor-
wegian, Danish, Dutch, and
Belgian coasts as well are in
the hands of the most formidable
foe we have ever faced.

The possession of these places
is of even greater advantage to
the enemy than it would have
been in any earlier war.
Twenty-five years ago the air
arm was mainly limited to local
activity. To-day our territory
can be continuously attacked
from the aerodromes established
along that coast beyond the
Narrow Seas.

REVISE OLD STRATEGY

Our old principles of national
strategy are clearly, therefore,
in need of revision. The idea
that Britain's safety required us
to fight upon the Continent so
as to keep the enemy away from
the Straits of Dover need no
longer enter into our calcula-
tions. The notion that "our
frontier lies on the Rhine" has
proved out of date by the test
of actual war.

Realisation of this fact should
give us encouragement. It con-
duces to the economy of our
strength. To send an immense
Expeditionary Force across the
Channel involves colossal cost in
men and money. Moreover, we
have never been good at fighting
these great military campaigns.

Our earlier wars against Euro-
pean Powers were won with
very limited participation of
British troops on the Continent.
There were only 9,000 of them
at Blenheim; no more than 30-
000 at Waterloo.

When we had not the help of
allied armies on the Continent,
we fought against Louis XVI,
and Napoleon upon the sea,
which has always been our most
advantageous battleground, or
else by sudden raids on Con-
tinental ports and invasions of
enemy colonial territories, to
which our command of the sea
gave us special facilities of ac-
cess.

NAPOLÉON'S SUCCESSOR

These methods, which beat
Napoleon, will beat Hitler, who
has succeeded to his position

Nevertheless, we have for to-day. The new factor of air
four months successfully faced, warfare will balance out, or
in its newest form, the danger ultimately turn to our advan-
which we had always dreaded. tage. Once we have added
There is not the slightest supremacy in the air to our
doubt that we shall finally supremacy on the seas, no
overcome it. enemy can defeat us.

"Smash the Germans and
march to Berlin!" is a spirited
sentiment, but it would be the
longest and costliest path to
victory. Hitler would like
nothing better than to see us
land an Expeditionary Force to
fight him on his own ground,
where he is strongest. Even if
we beat the German Army, such
a victory would leave us ex-
hausted both of money and man-
power.

MILITARY operations, on
the huge scale that modern
warfare requires, may well cri-
ple the country that engages in
them. Hitler, despite his great-
ly superior resources, will be
starting on a hazardous adven-
ture, if—as is apparently his
intention—he follows up his in-
vasion of the Balkans by thrust-
ing forward through Asia Minor
towards Palestine and Egypt.

In the last war, even when
Turkey was the ally of Ger-
many, it was the difficulty of
communications that mainly
brought about the collapse of
German schemes in that part of
the world.

There is no need for the
British Army to march to Ber-
lin—at any rate before the Nazi
regime breaks up and the march
becomes a victory parade.
The best use for our military
resources is to keep them intact,
ready to be directed against any
point where Hitler's far-flung
schemes begin to develop weak-
ness. Our command of the sea
will ensure that they can be
thrown in where the conditions
are most favourable to us.

The main function of our
army should be surprise. The
possibility of such action will

keep the enemy in constant
anxiety, and compel him to hold
troops in readiness all round the
European seaboard.

The part played by the Brit-
ish Army will be the more valu-
able and effective if it is
deliberately subordinated to the
more important operations of
the Fleet and Air Force.

If this principle is adopted,
we can watch the course of the
war, and be content to await our
opportunity. We must always
be keenly alert to deal with any
desperate attempt at invasion,
though the risk of this will
gradually diminish with the con-
stant increase of our naval and
aerial strength.

With sea-power on our side,
we can take big strategical
views. When the Battle of
Africa begins, it might conceiv-
ably be desirable, in addition to
strengthening the defence of
Egypt, to ship a large army to
the Middle East. Based upon
India, its maritime lines of com-
munication would be shorter
and more convenient than those
of the enemy, stretching half-
way across Europe and through
Western Asia down to the
African frontier.

Should Hitler's Eastern cam-
paign develop into a swoop upon
the oilfields of Iraq, we could
get there first from the Persian
Gulf, and deprive him of his
booty by destroying them.

THE RUSSIAN RIDDLE

NO one can forecast what
form the war in that part of
the world will take. Russia's at-
titude is still uncertain. She
might resent, and even oppose,
any attempt by Germany and
Italy to seize control of the Bos-
phorus and the Dardanelles,
forming the gateway to the
warm waters of the Mediter-
ranean that Russia has long
coveted.

On the other hand, Germany
may try to bribe Russia into ac-
quiescence by the offer of a free
hand in Iran, a country into
which she began to extend her
interests 30 years ago, and
which the development of the
Persian oilfields has now made a
far more valuable prize.

The essential thing is to keep
our troops in hand to deal with
emergencies as they arise.
Secure behind the defences pro-
vided by the Royal Navy and
the Royal Air Force, we can
steadily build up our strength.
Meanwhile, the pressure of the
naval blockade will continue to
tell.

Sooner or later, whether it be
in the Near East, in the French
African colonies, or elsewhere,
the change will occur for us to
exert our sea-borne military
strength as well.

It is for this contingency and
not for any vast and venture-
some invasion of Europe that
the British Army should be held
in readiness.

BRITISH WOMEN MADE TO STRIP

British women, as well as men,
were compelled to strip at Con-
stanza, before they were allowed
to leave Rumania.

This was revealed when the first 70
Britons were to be evacuated from Ru-
manian reached Istanbul.

They all had to submit to rigorous
inspection, in spite of the fact that
some of them carried diplomatic
passports, issued at Bukarest.

The refugees said that conditions in
Rumania were now the same as in
all other German-occupied countries.

The incoming Germans are reported
to have arrested a number of pro-
minent Poles who fled to Rumania
when Poland was overrun last Sep-
tember.

THE INSIDE OF DAKAR

I HAVE now learned the in-
side story of the Dakar
adventure.

It began with high hopes.
General de Gaulle had received
a large number of assurances
from individual Frenchmen in
French West Africa that he had
but to appear off Dakar with a
French and British force to be
received with open arms.

But the Dakar expedition, like the
abortive expedition to Finland, like
the unfortunate expedition to Nor-
way, took too long to prepare, too
long to equip, too long to despatch,
too long to arrive.

Five weeks elapsed between its
creation and its arrival off Dakar.
During those five weeks the German
the Italians and the Vichy Govern-
ment were fully informed as to its
numbers and probable destination.
Several thousand Frenchmen cannot
be equipped in Britain with tropical
kit and embarked on French vessels
provided with a British naval escort
without the numberless German
agents in England and in Ireland be-
ing immediately aware of the fact.

A French general in uniform, with
the unmistakable features of General
de Gaulle, cannot be driven to a port
while the vast desert offers limitless
obstacles, there is good reason to
believe and hope that eventually
our forces will be in a position to
carry the war—directly—into the
enemy's territory. The coast road to
Libya has been reopened, and when
the right moment arrives, the Em-
pire may rest assured that under the
enterprising leadership of General
Wavell, supported by the British
navy and Air Force, its armies will
march on and into the Italian
stronghold.

and embarked in a French warship,
even at night, without the fact being
known to the enemy's intelligence
agents.

Finally—and this was the height of
imprudence—a toast to "our ships at
Dakar" was proposed and drunk with
enthusiasm at a public banquet in
London several days before General
de Gaulle and his escort arrived in
West African waters.

There were two good reasons for
believing that the enemy had got
wind of the de Gaulle enterprise.

The first was the passage of the
six French cruisers and destroyers
through the Straits of Gibraltar.

A few days before the French ex-
pedition was due to arrive at Dakar,
five German bombers arrived at that
port from Algiers, bringing with
them a number of high German offi-
cers, intelligence agents and artillery
officers.

These are the men who directed
the resistance of Dakar to General
de Gaulle's advances. These are the
men who hastily organised gun bat-
teries on the shore, and stiffened the
small French garrison in the port and
airfield defences. These are the men
who ordered the batteries to fire.

It is inconceivable otherwise that
French officers on land would have
fired upon four brother French offi-
cers, bearing a flag of truce. The
French don't fire on the white flag
but the Germans do.

The expedition was founded upon
an obvious contradiction. General de
Gaulle went with a French army and
a French fleet to Dakar, but on con-
dition that he would not have to
fight. And we sent a strong naval
force to protect him, but we were re-
quested by General de Gaulle to
desist from any violent action.

The French forces which accom-
panied the General were intended

I understand, not to effect a land-
ing at Dakar, but merely to stiffen
the local garrison and the garrison
in French Equatorial Africa, the
Cameroons, and the other African
colonies which had already joined de
Gaulle.

The truth is that the political pre-
paration of the expedition was
lamentably neglected.

Weeks before the combined British
and French force arrived in West
African waters it should have been
possible to land French intelligence
agents, well provided with gold and
arms, from aeroplanes in the hinter-
land.

There were many French civil
officials, army and air force officers
in French West Africa who risked the
loss of their career, their pension,
the imprisonment of their families,
and even the threat of the death sen-
tence, if they declared openly for
General de Gaulle.

Yet they were already secretly pre-
pared to join him. They were, in
fact, latent Fifth Column, hostile to
Germany, friendly to ourselves.
Nothing was done about them, al-
though the German Fifth Column in
Dakar was notoriously active.

And now a postscript. It has re-
cently been revealed that after
Petain's capitulation Lord Gort and
Mr. Duff Cooper arrived at Rabat,
in French Morocco, by aeroplane in
the hope of seeing M. Mandel and
other French statesmen believed to
be there. It is stated that they
arrived there "soon" after the capitu-
lation.

My information is that they arrived
twelve days later, when Petain had
had time to defeat the designs of the
loyalists. Yet the British Govern-
ment had been urged to send high
Air Force officials to Rabat on the
very day after the capitulation, when
the greater part of the French Air
Force was in Morocco and could have
been won over.

**GEORGE
SLOCOMBE**

MOSCOW SPLASHES NEWS

British Successes

MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Soviet interest in the fighting in North Africa is well reflected in the Press. The official Communist paper "Pravda" has two main headlines across the foreign news page, "British Offensive in Western Desert" and "Italian Retreat in Albania." British reports of the taking of Sidi Barrani are published at length with a description of the terrain and an account of how the Italians fortified the Sidi Barrani-Sollum area. The "Pravda" then quotes the "Basler Nachrichten" for a statement that the war in Greece and the attack on Taranto are already having effect on the Italian army in Libya. Reports from New York regarding increased American aid for the British are also prominently published in the Moscow Press. "Pravda" concludes a long article by quoting the "New York Herald Tribune" as saying that the intensification of the struggle between Britain and Germany only increases the vital interest of the United States in the survival of Britain.

Friendship Pact Yugo-Slavia And Hungary

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A pact of friendship was signed in Belgrade this evening between Hungary and Yugo-Slavia, according to the German news agency.

The Terms

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Hungarian-Yugo-Slav treaty, signed by M. Czakay and M. Markovitch, and consists of three articles. It declares—

(1) that permanent peace and eternal friendship will exist between the two countries.

(2) the signatories agree to consult on all problems affecting mutual relations.

(3) the Pact is to be ratified at an early date and come into force as soon as it is ratified.

Desire For Peace

BELGRADE, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Axis propaganda will doubtless interpret the Yugo-Slavian-Hungarian treaty as indicating the former's advance to the Axis but observers do not believe that the treaty means more than an intense desire by Yugo-Slavia to maintain peace and, on Hungary's side, an attempt to find some, even if uneasy, basis for her foreign policy outside the stranglehold embrace of Axis endorsement.

Press Statement

BELGRADE, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Count Czakay and M. Cincar Markovitch emphasized to the press that the new treaty was a contribution to the maintenance of peace in south-eastern Europe.

M. Markovitch said that it was a new contribution to peace and to that constructive collaboration which was the object pursued by Hungary and Yugo-Slavia in the Danube basin. Count Czakay referred to the mutual friendship and confidence which united the two nations and said that the treaty was a sure guarantee that they would be able to follow with success the common road which they had had the wisdom to choose.

Axis Shipping From France

Marseilles—N. Africa. LONDON, Dec. 12 (British Wireless).—Sea traffic carried on for the benefit of Germany and Italy between North African ports and Marseilles was the subject of a Parliamentary question to the Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. R. Dalton, who was asked whether he would consider dealing more effectively with such vessels which apparently made the voyage as far as possible, within the territorial waters of North Africa, Spain and France. Mr. Dalton said that H. M. Government never licensed or approved such traffic and reserved freedom to take appropriate action at any time. It was not in the public interest to announce in advance the measures it was proposed to adopt.

FANLING GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday OLD COURSE

9.10 T. G. C. Knight, G. T. Harrington.
9.20 D. Black, P. C. Jackson.
9.30 A. H. and G. A. Macfadyen.
9.40 J. G. and J. H. Macfadyen.
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Military Blamed For Defeat Of Italians

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Dec. 12 (UP).—Grave disquiet within Italy is revealed in an article written by Signor Farinacci in the "Regime Fascista" to-day.

Evidently referring to Marshal Badoglio, the writer says: "A certain person who should keep quiet is saying that he did not want the Greek campaign and needed a great number of divisions."

"This same person carried out the action with the forces already in Albania. It is childish to place responsibility on the political command when the military conduct of the war belongs alone on the technical side. Government is not stung. The army had the right to expect the armed forces to be completely prepared."

Signor Gayda writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" says that the battle of El Alamein will decide the outcome of the war and that Italy is confident of victory. He recalled that Italy got the best of Austria "after the Austrians had occupied Italy up to Udine."

Indo-China Disturbances Lyons Announcement

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Serious disturbances in French Indo-China were mentioned by the announcer on the Lyons wireless on Thursday night. He said that clashes occurred recently in Saigon and in seven provinces between armed forces and demonstrators, said to be communists.

It was added that damage was done to civil, administrative and private buildings. A number of bridges were destroyed and communications were cut.

Order was restored by soldiers, police and marines, but there were wounded on both sides. The measures taken by the local government, he concluded, have resulted in the suppression of these "subversive movements."

Britons Held Near Paris Interned In Barracks

Questions were asked in the House of Commons about the condition of British subjects now interned who were hitherto resident in occupied France.

The Foreign Under-Secretary stated that the majority of male British subjects numbering some 1,700 were concentrated at military barracks at St. Denis near Paris. Information received from the United States Embassy, whose officials periodically visited the barracks, showed "that conditions there were satisfactory."

Losses And Thefts

Mrs. Booker, wife of Mr. A. C. Booker, Assistant Superintendent of Police, had her handbag containing \$400 in gold watch, snatched while walking near Whiteaway. Laidlaw's yesterday.

Mrs. Glover, No. 9c, Broom Road, reported the loss of a jade ring valued at \$300.

Mr. L. J. Davis, No. 13, The Peak, reports that someone entered his house at 3 a.m. yesterday and stole a fountain pen, a vase and a cushion valued at \$52.

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Sino-Soviet Trade

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—China has signed a contract with the Soviet Union whereby China is to deliver during the coming year 100 million Chinese dollars' worth of tea to the Soviet, according to an official announcement.

LETTERS

Day Of Gifts And Prayer

The Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—We venture to ask the hospitality of your columns to bring to the notice of your readers the Cathedral Gift Day, which this year has been instituted in place of the Cathedral Fete, and will be held on Saturday, December 14. It has been our custom in the past few years to hold a Cathedral Fete which has been responsible for the collection of about \$3,000 of our income. This year it is impracticable to hold this year, as many of our workers are away from the Colony, and those who remain are so much engaged in other directions that they have no time to devote to the arduous work of preparing for a Fete of our usual standard.

The question of economy has not been lost sight of, but it must not be forgotten that it is the custom of the Cathedral to make grants to various social endeavours in the Colony and to Missionary work in the diocese, and we feel it is not the wish of the members of our church that these activities should suffer by the reduction or elimination of these grants.

It is therefore with the welfare of the Cathedral and its activities very much at heart that the Council have set apart Saturday, December 14, on which day those who value the work of the Cathedral in this Colony may for the effective continuance of this work. It has been arranged that one of the clergy and a member of the congregation will be in the Cathedral from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. on the 14th, in order that individual gifts may be personally accepted and dedicated. It is intended that gifts should be primarily gifts for the increase of funds for the Cathedral, but if any have prepared gifts in kind these will be welcomed and reserved for the Christmas tree, which will be in the Cathedral the following week.

P. S. Cassidy, Chairman of Finance Committee.

Eva G. Davidson, Chairman, Cathedral Women's Fellowship.

Goodwill Offering Scheme.

S. H. Dodwell.

H. Owen Hughes.

W. M. Barton.

Air Raid Wardens

Sir,—The inspection of the Hongkong Corps of Air Raid Wardens will be held on Saturday, December 21, at 3.30 p.m., but it is realized that owing to the Christmas season, it may be inconvenient for some firms to allow Wardens in their employ to attend this parade.

His Excellency the Acting Governor has, however, expressed the hope that any firm which has Wardens on its staff, will grant them every facility to attend this parade.

As this is the first official inspection of the Corps, all firms will co-operate wholeheartedly so that the number of Wardens on parade may be as great as possible.

A. H. S. STEELE-PENKINS, Director of Air Raid Precautions.

EL SOLLUM CAPTURED

FROM PAGE ONE

for many weeks, has delivered a blow against the Italians that may rock the foundations and edifice of the Fascist Empire.

There is already general speculation in Cairo whether the Italians will have to relinquish their hold on Abyssinia. For months, the Italian morale in East Africa has been bolstered up by the empty assurance that Mussolini's army was ready to march to the Nile Delta at any moment to open up the Suez Canal.

But if the British offensive continues as satisfactorily as at present, the Italian army in Abyssinia may, it is suggested, throw in the sponge because of pressure being exerted by British forces already hammering at the frontier.

Battle For Oasis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Dec. 12 (UP).—General Graziani hurried 1,000 motorized units against the British in the battle for the oasis and the war for water. Every well, water hole and palm tree was a military goal.

Both sides are using moving fortresses—the Italians using mainly tanks and the British balloons tied to anti-tank guns and also for the first time, incendiary grenades.

Motorized Italian Blackshirts and barefoot Libyan flying columns are reported to have replaced all the Libyan camel corps and Libyan cavalry.

It is officially stated that the British suffered heavy losses west of Sidi Barrani and that the Italians also sustained considerable casualties. Reports claim that Italian coastal batteries hit a British cruiser which was trying to shell Chisimaia in Italian Somaliland.

Baltic Germans Returning

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Negotiations are proceeding between Germany and Russia for the repatriation of the Germans remaining in the Baltic States, according to a Stockholm dispatch to the "Free French" agency in London.

Some 50,000 Germans in Lithuania, 10,000 in Estonia and Latvia were unable to return to Germany last year.

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Prince Bernhard Fund has raised the money for two more bombers for the Royal Netherlands Navy. This fund now totals £810,000 of which £745,000 has been given to the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

SOVIETS PRAISE BRITAIN

Strict, vigilant neutrality and preparedness for any emergency remain the keynote of Soviet foreign and internal policy.

This is the dominant factor determining Russia's attitude to the Axis as well as to Britain and the United States, states a "Moscow correspondent."

Observers are impressed with a recent detailed eye-witness account by the London correspondent of the Tass Agency of Britain's A.A. defences.

Trade Unionists

This message, printed by all papers, described the excellently equipped batteries, the abundance of fighting material, the good food, and remarked that most soldiers the correspondent approached were trade union members—a significant detail for readers in a country run by workers.

The message concluded: "The present British air defences are much better than any yet encountered by the German Air Force."

One cannot over-emphasize that, provided Russian neutrality is not violated, the U.S.S.R. will continue to trade with all countries.

The creation of a State Labour Reserve is hailed throughout the U.S.S.R. as a most important measure for increasing the country's economic and defensive strength.

T. V. SOONG FOR LONDON

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Mr. T. V. Soong, former Finance Minister, is expected in well informed circles here to visit London shortly in order to conduct negotiations for new credits to China which the British Government has announced itself willing to extend.

The same quarters state that Mr. Soong is at present negotiating with the United States, presumably in connection with the United States credits to China.

The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clerk-Kerr, is expected to remain in Chungking while the London negotiations are in progress.

Burma Road Bombed

KUNMING, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Ten Japanese bombers attacked the Burma Highway at the Mekong Bridge early yesterday afternoon. Chinese authorities, however, report no damage to the bridge.

Japanese Version

A JAPANESE BASE IN INDO-CHINA, Dec. 13 (Domei).—The Press Bureau of the Japanese Fleet in South China waters announces that Japanese bombers on Thursday severely bombed the Burma Road causing "heavy damage" to the Kungkuo Bridge. Long-range bombers attacked the Shanyuang aerodrome in Yunnan Province, destroying 22 enemy planes on the ground.

Japanese Claims

A FRENCH INDO-CHINA BASE, Dec. 13 (Domei).—The Chinese aerial guard-for-the-Burma road has been wiped out as the result of the successful Japanese attack against the Shanyuang aerodrome on December 12.

It is disclosed that the Japanese Naval aircraft led by Lieutenant Saburo Shindo made a surprise raid on Shanyuang (Yunnan), approximately 130 miles northwest of Kunming in northwestern Yunnan Province.

Attracting the raiders' first attention were the Chinese machine-gun emplacements in the environs of the aerodrome which were immediately bombed and silenced. The raiders then turned upon 10 planes including 1-15 type fighter scouting and training planes on the ground. Sweeping down the raiders set all machines on fire while three other planes nearby were also strafed and set ablaze.

Four other units of the Naval Air Force came over the Burma road which recently received activity and severely bombed the Kungkuo Bridge spanning the Mekong River.

Danes To Re-build Hamburg

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—A large part of the rebuilding of Hamburg may be done by Danes. The German official news agency to-day mentioned a plan to use Danish architects, engineers and workmen for this purpose.

Successful negotiations are stated to have taken place with the Hamburg authorities and in the New Year about 1,000 Danish workmen will go to Hamburg.

Twenty-two Danish firms have taken part in the negotiations. Military targets in the Hamburg area have been the objectives of frequent attacks by the R.A.F.

STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The capture of Sidi Barrani created good sentiment in the Stock Exchange, but apart from a few instances business was small.

Kaffirs especially, and the smaller paid issues, were popular among local operators, and advanced were in the limelight. Anglo-Iranians advanced over three shillings to forty shillings. Industrials were generally steady. Sudan plantations, however, were in demand, and shares improved from 22 1/2 to 23 1/2.

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Last Happy Valley Meeting For The Year

Can Eve Of Harvest Win Autumn Champions For China Ponies?

THE HONGKONG Autumn Champions for China ponies is timed to be run off at 3.30 p.m. over a course of 1 1/4 miles and the winner is to receive \$1,000. Only winners (that have started at least twice) at the Extra Meetings are eligible, but it is not to be expected that any of the "B," "C," "D" or "E" class raters will have the audacity to weigh out.

There is sound reason to believe that there will not be more than six nominations and I append below a list of probable starters with their jockeys.

Burford D. Black
Clember L. B. Chao
Confusion Bay S. L. Sung
Craigavon (no jockey yet)
Eve of Harvest W. H. S. Davis
O-Lan V. V. Needa

Last Saturday morning Burford was given a mile gallop and the champion took 2.00% to cover the circuit. Last Wednesday, the Quartermaster's candidate had a spin over six furlongs and the distance was covered in 1.22%. These two gallops were done at 9 a.m. when the majority of the race fans had gone. However, I was not pleased with the two "dress rehearsal" outings, because there was no swing in the show.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 14th December, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all bills, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Timings are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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Who Will Win Autumn Champions?: China Ponies Offer Problem

THE LAST of a series of 13 extra meetings under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held to-morrow (first saddling bell at 1.30 p.m.) and after this meet there will be no more flat racing at Happy Valley until Spring.

Post Entries For Champion Events

Attention of owners is drawn to the fact that nominations for the two champion events are post entries and they are reminded that ponies, whether Australian or China, for any of the Autumn classics must be declared in writing as starters by posting their names in the declaration box in the usual manner.

However, the two most important items on the card are the Hongkong Autumn Champions for China ponies, and the Queensland Autumn Champions confined to Australian mares. The other six events are consolation handicap contests for those gee-gees which generally finished under the category of "also runs."

I am afraid that the fields will be on the small side owing to the fact that the provision of barring winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January has precluded the entry of many so-so ponies of different classes. The object of the ban is, of course, to give other steeds a chance of making a few extra dollars to provide for their "hay and corn."

Speculation is rife among those who make a morning pilgrimage to Happy Valley as to whether Sapper will be able to resist the challenge of either Baffin Bay or Viceroy in the Australian champions, and whether Eve of Harvest will repeat her spectacular display in the October Handicap over 1 1/4 miles when the mare trounced O-Lan by two clear lengths.

I am glad that there is a division in the company of those earlier birds sitting on the rails, otherwise there would not be any interest in the two big classics.

Anxious Trainers

THERE is no trainer more anxious to capture the two champions than Mr. Lou Reidy, who is in charge of the above two candidates. The first reason is to please the lady owner, wife of His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, while the other is to win the first Hongkong Autumn Champions for Sir Victor Sassoon.

It may be of interest to know that Sir Victor's best attempt was two seconds, Boxing Eve finishing three lengths behind Pride of Tsingtao, the winner of 1931 Autumn champions, and Radiator, belonging to the same owner found King's Warden too good in 1935, losing by two lengths.

Mr. W. H. S. Davis, who has been booked to steer Sapper and Eve of Harvest, has never piloted a pony to victory in any of the Autumn champion events, but I cannot see any contender to deprive him of riding two classic winners to-morrow.

While on the subject I cannot also see anybody to deprive Mr. D. Black of becoming the champion jockey of this season.

Last Sunday Mr. L. B. Chao rode four winners, with the inclusion of a hat-trick in Macao, and this has, of course, increased his aggregate to 30 successes. He requires four more wins to be ahead of Mr. Black, who has a ratio of 33-12-19, but judging from the reservation of his mounts I have reason to predict that the Chinese aspirant will not be able to achieve that success to-morrow.

Jockey Leaders

HEREUNDER is a list showing the position of those jockeys who

Sapper Seems Assured Of Winning Australians' Champion Stakes

THE QUEENSLAND Autumn Champions for Australian ponies is worth \$1,000 to the winner, with \$300 and \$200 for second and third ponies, but there will not be more than half dozen starters and I would make the list of nominations as follows:

Baffin Bay V. V. Needa
Sapper W. H. S. Davis
Viceroy D. Black

It is almost as certain as the sun will rise on the morrow that Sapper will run away with the classic with Viceroy and Baffin Bay to trail the leader.

Far View, Amicus Curiae and Lancashire Chips will not be starting.

Final Handicap

Curtain Falls On 1940 Season

THE LAST EVENT of 1940's racing season will be the Final Handicap for "D" class China ponies and it is a mile run.

Jack O'Lantern with Mr. Black up has been well polished by the gentleman in charge of the avoirdupois with two pounds of lead over the bottom weight. But the pony is like one of those cheap stopwatches—running either too fast or slow, and he hardly gave us a good run for the money. Mr. Black may be able to make his go.

By virtue of his win in Macao, The Leopard has incurred a penalty of 7 lb., and this may hinder the pony's chances. On the book Sunlight View looks good, but her gallop of last Wednesday with Mr. Peter Wei did not impress me.

I have not seen Eve of Fence for a long time, but being a griffin of this season the mare should be considered.

Royal Highness is not a reliable runner and I would much prefer to see Mr. Needa in the saddle than Mr. Ip Kuei-ying.

Salvage Master does not appear to be in the pink of condition, but I understand that the mare is hard to train.

Piet Hein looks a good thing, but is he a miller? Taking everything in the balance this will be the hardest event to spot the winner. I will, however, make my final selections to-morrow.

Saints' Hockey Team

The following will represent St. Andrew's men in a hockey match against C.B.A. 2nd eleven to-morrow at 4.30 p.m. on the C.B.A. ground:—Turnbull, White, and Curry; Tomlinson, Coles and I. Millington; Smith, Davies, Kemp, O. L. Drope and L. Millington.

THE DAILY DOUBLE

Laggards' H'cap

Chance For Venus Bay To Atone

It is to be hoped that Venus Bay, who has more breakdowns than a cheap car, will not let the public down in the Laggards' Handicap for "D" class Australian ponies over a mile.

Her last two outings cost the punter 1,024 and 2,633 tickets respectively for a win and the total was not a small sum.

The mare has a good chance to atone for her failure, with Bredon and Bruno to follow in the rear.

The first leg of the daily double is on this event.

	Wins	2nd	3rd
D. Black	33	12	19
L. B. Chao	30	24	18
P. H. T. Wei	24	16	19
H. C. Pih	22	16	8
H. J. A. Hegrie	15	22	11
V. V. Needa	13	15	7

An Old-timer

I WAS surprised to see from the list of results of the Macao races that Mr. "Bob" Charles on Dow-Jones was placed second in the Kau Tung Handicap (second section), and it is learned from a reliable source that he has been booked to ride Rob Roy to-morrow. I am sure that all hats and hands will be ready for the grand old timer "if" the combination should cross the wire first.

He is a "beef steak" jockey and in the circumstances it seems clear that Mr. Charles does not intend to stage a comeback, but just to register a last joy ride prior to the new scale of weights coming into force in 1941.

As from January 1, the top weight allotted in all handicap events both for China and Australian ponies will not exceed 159 lb. and the bottom weight will not be less than 135 lb. To-morrow will therefore be the last meeting of seeing a China pony carrying 168 lb. and the Australian mares shouldering 165 lb. What a boom it will be to our dumb friends.

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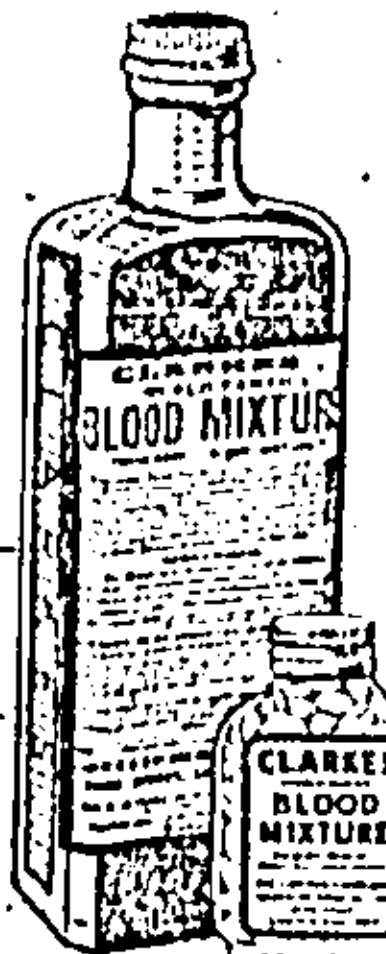


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BAD, BUT NOT FAREWELL—Remember the "Tipperary" song and its line, "Farewell, Leicester Square?" This cable picture shows the famed square, centre of London theatre district, littered with bomb debris. Leicester Theatre is at extreme left.

Compulsory Service Tribunal Decisions

After a lapse of three months, the Compulsory Service Tribunal held another public session at the Council Chamber yesterday. Sixteen cases were considered, and of these one person was exempted, six were assigned to the Essential Services group, two to the Key-Post group and two to the Combatant group, while the others were adjourned.

The Tribunal comprised Mr Justice E. H. Williams (Chairman); Lt-Comdr L. L. Tollemache, Major R. E. A. Moody, Mr E. Davidson, Mr C. Blaker and Mr C. Bramall Burgess (Clerk to the Tribunal).

Mr R. Anderson, banker and former manager of the Bank of Canton in New York, told the Tribunal that his home was in Shanghai and that he only came down to Hongkong because he could not stand the cold there. He expected to remain here for the winter. He had served right through the last war and had no objection to doing anything he could during his stay here. In view of his age, which was 47, Mr Anderson was assigned to the Essential Services group.

A medical student at Hongkong University, Mr J. Barnes said that he was an Air Raid warden and preferred to remain so rather than become a Volunteer because he had not the time to attend to his duties. The Chairman ruled that Mr Barnes, who was 18 years of age, seemed rather young to be an Air Raid warden, and adjourned the case in order to consult Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions.

Intends to Go Home—Expressing a preference to rejoin the Volunteer Defence Corps which he quitted some time ago on leaving the Colony, Mr H. D. Bruce was assigned to the Combatant group. Mr Bruce said that at the time he resigned from the Volunteers he did not expect to return to Hongkong. His present intention was to go to England, but in the meantime he would gladly rejoin the Corps.

Both Mr B. E. Fielder and Mr H. A. Hyndman, aged 61 and 54 respectively, were assigned to the Essential Services group as they had previously expressed the wish to be enrolled in that section.

As he was not yet fit to undergo strenuous training as the result of an operation, the case of Mr A. R. Kinross was deferred for three months. Mr Kinross had previously appeared before the Tribunal and at that time it was stated that he was about to undergo an operation and that upon recovery he would join the Volunteers.

The statement that he had been to Singapore to offer his services and had been advised to leave was made by Mr R. B. Levkovich, whose case was adjourned for further inquiries. Mr Levkovich handed in a prepared statement, part of which was read out by the Chairman.

This was to the effect that on October 16, Mr Levkovich went to Singapore where he was attached to the 7th Battery at Changi. Whilst there he was frequently advised by the officers to return to Shanghai. The Chairman also asked him to make a full statement as to why he left his position in Shanghai and after having read this he advised him to return there since he was only recently married.

Postponed for Inquiries—The Chairman said that he would postpone your case in order to make further inquiries in view of what you have written.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: The market was less active to-day, trading being on a smaller scale.

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ed the Chairman why Government should now call him up again since it had dispensed with his services in the R.N.V.R.

The Chairman: We have no record of that. I presume they gave you reasons?

Mr Whiting: None whatever. I asked Comdr Petrie and he told me he did not know what transpired between the Governor and the Comdr. My services were dispensed with on September 25.

The Chairman: At any rate, since you are free to go to us to assign you to what group, we think fit. Mr Whiting: That is very well, but can a man, whose services with the Naval Volunteers have been dispensed with, be put in the Military?

The Chairman: I think that has been done in one or two cases. We must assign you to the Combatant group.

Mr Whiting: I am only too willing.



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Ulster M.P.'s Sensational Charge U-Boats Call At Eire For Petrol Supplies

MR. JAMES LITTLE, M.P. for Co. Down, Northern Ireland, recently from Belfast challenged Mr. de Valera to prove that U-boats operating in the Atlantic off the west coast of Ireland were not being refuelled and re-victualled from Eireann ports.

He was emphatic that the U-boats openly sailed into quiet western Eireann ports, picked up petrol and oil, and even fresh vegetables.

Dr. Little, who made this accusation at a meeting of his constituents, amplified the story to the "Sunday Express." He declared:—

"It is common property that the U-boats go into western Ireland ports and get what they want. It is up to Eire to meet this challenge by saying that this is not true. The information I have come from personal observers. They have told me what they saw, and I have no reason at all for disbelieving them."

"So far as I can find there is ample evidence that Mr. de Valera is turning a blind eye to this regular service to the U-boats. We have the statement of Mr. Lewis Smith in Westminster that if we had bases on the Irish west coast we could solve the problem of the sinkings there by U-boats."

Could Save Many Lives
"We have to send our patrols from the English Channel. That doubles the journey. If we had ports on the west of Ireland we could save thousands of lives and thousands of tons of shipping and protect as well our child evacuee ships."

"British sailors are going through hardship and suffering to bring petrol into this country, yet they see some of this petrol going to their enemies through Eire. What we want is a denial from Eire officially that this traffic is going on or, alternatively, a solemn promise that it will cease. I cannot understand why a Chris-

Enlisted In A.I.F. At 15

A youth of 15 who had run away from home and enlisted in the A.I.F.—only to be discharged later because he was under age—pleaded guilty in Quarter Sessions to having broken into a shop.

The accused, Arthur George Clarke, 15, pleaded guilty to a charge of having broken into a shop at Urralla on Sept. 19 and stolen six billiard balls. The Judge was informed that Clarke was now serving a sentence of two months, passed on him at Tramworth for having illegally used a motor-car at the time of the Urralla offence.

The Judge said he would recommend that representations be made that the accused be released from the Tramworth sentence.



CAROL ARRESTED—Exiled King Carol of Rumania and girl-friend, Magda Lupescu, were put under guard in politico form of arrest at Seville, Spain. Above, Carol leaving automobile in Madrid, after flight from Rumania.

Barbara Hutton--Cary Grant Romance Talk

COUNTRESS Haugwitz Reventlow (Barbara Hutton) and Cary Grant, hero of many famous films, are being linked together by friends who whisper of an engagement announcement soon.

Cary and the Woolworth heiress have been seen together frequently at night clubs, theatres, and so on, in New York.

After the former Miss Hutton's marriage to Count Reventlow had been dissolved, reports said that there would be an early engagement to Robert Sweeney, who was British golf champion in 1937.

WEDDING BELLS

At one time last year wedding bells were also expected to ring for Cary Grant, who is British-born, and Phyllis Brooks, the young Hollywood actress. But Miss Brooks said they had decided that if they were married soon it would not be convenient for her work.

Do Crystal Palace Towers Guide Nazis?

ARE the Crystal Palace towers responsible for the bombing of the surrounding suburbs?

The people of South London believe that the two great towers, nearly 300 feet high and known as a landmark all over the world, are guiding the Nazi planes.

In the last war, according to a German commander's post-war reminiscences, the enemy were ordered not to hit the Crystal Palace itself. It was too useful to the raiders as a signpost.

Ever since the war began, there has been an agitation for the removal of the two useless towers, the only part of the Palace left after the fire four years ago.

Last June the people of South London rejoiced when they heard that the towers had been sold for scrap. They would yield 1,000 tons of iron.

For a short time the citizens who live beneath the shadow of the towers watched men at work on the North tower. The work did not get very far, and soon stopped altogether.

For nearly two months nothing more was done. Six weeks ago men were again seen at work, this time on the South tower.

A Meeting
Feeling against the towers is so strong in the thickly populated and much-bombed areas of South London that a meeting of the Palace trustees is to be held to discuss the matter.

Sir Henry Buckland, general manager of the Palace, will preside and Mr. George Cohen, of George Cohen and Sons, Stepney, who has the contract for demolition, will attend.

Sir Henry does not sympathise with those who fear that the towers bring danger to their homes.

He told reporters: "I live near the Palace, and my house has been bombed, but I think that was due to indiscriminate bombing. We have suffered no more than other London districts, and much less than some areas."

"Hate Towers"
But another prominent resident in the area said: "I am convinced that the towers are helping the enemy, and I know that my opinion is shared by hundreds of people."

"You have only to ask the occupants of the houses and shops near the Palace to find out how much they hate the sight of the towers."

The A.I.P. officer of an important factory in South London said: "From my observations as a spotter on the roof I feel convinced that the Germans are using the towers as a guide, particularly in daylight."

Mr. George Cohen believes that the towers should come down as soon as possible.

"HOLD MY HAT" Said Bombed Child

While Civil Defence squads were dealing with a fire caused by an oil bomb just outside some commercial premises in a London district a high explosive bomb hit a surface shelter in the courtyard of a block of Council flats.

Immediately a large rescue party was mobilised, and of the women who were in the shelter 12 were rescued who had received only minor injuries.

Soon Got Busy
Some more serious casualties were near the dividing wall of the shelter which had collapsed.

Women who were in the shelter and members of the rescue party marvelled at the coolness and courage of six-year-old Dollie Sadler.

She was pinned down by one of her legs, but she said to someone near her: "Please hold my hat and I can dig myself out."

She was busy removing pieces of debris with her hands when one of the rescue party released her.

War Office Takes Over A Case

"Owing to the serious nature of the charges, the War Office wants to take over this case, and make it an example to the rest of the men in the Forces."

An officer of the Royal Norfolk Regiment said this when seven men of the regiment were charged recently with stealing from a house which had been damaged by air bombardment.

He applied for the men to be handed over to military custody to be dealt with by general court-martial.

THIS BOMB JUST MISSED —HITLER!

It is permitted now to disclose that Madame Tussaud's waxworks exhibition, famous all over the world, was damaged in one of the recent raids on London.

Had the bomb dropped a few yards nearer, Hitler might have scored a direct hit, not only on the British Cabinet, all the kings and queens of England alive and dead, and most of the well-known murderers, but also on himself and Mussolini, Goering and Co.—all, of course, in wax.

Beatty's Tumble

As it was, although the adjoining cinema was wrecked and glass was shattered all through the restaurant, Beatty was the only wax-work to fall (he happened to be rather close to the door).

Jean Batten's flying goggles were twisted, and a lace veil was wrapped roughly round Queen Victoria's head, leaving the old lady peering suspiciously through one eye at this unfamiliar world.

Otherwise, the waxworks were undamaged. Even Hitler and Mussolini, admitted an official refectory, had escaped.

The British Cabinet sat unmoved at their desk, Churchill smiling benignly in the centre, and paying no attention at all to a number of women's arms and legs (in wax) spread before him—taken from models which had had to be stripped of their dust-covered costumes.

A few years ago a fire gutted Madame Tussaud's, which had to be entirely rebuilt.

Escaped
A small part of the building, however, escaped that fire, and this part, as well as the main block, also escaped Hitler's bomb.

Nobody was killed in this building. The caretakers were sheltering in the basement, and were unhurt, and the only man sleeping on the first floor was able to climb out of a window from a room that had collapsed all round him.

He was suffering from shock.

King Visits Censors At Their Work

While the one hundred thousandth story was being censored at the Press and Censorship Bureau of the Ministry of Information in London, the King and Queen walked in.

Mr. Ernest Hunter, chairman of the Press Committee and president of the National Union of Journalists, and Mr. J. H. Dregher, Director of the News Division, were presented to the King.

While they were chatting with the reporters present the King and Queen heard through the microphone a bulletin giving details of their visit to the Ministry.

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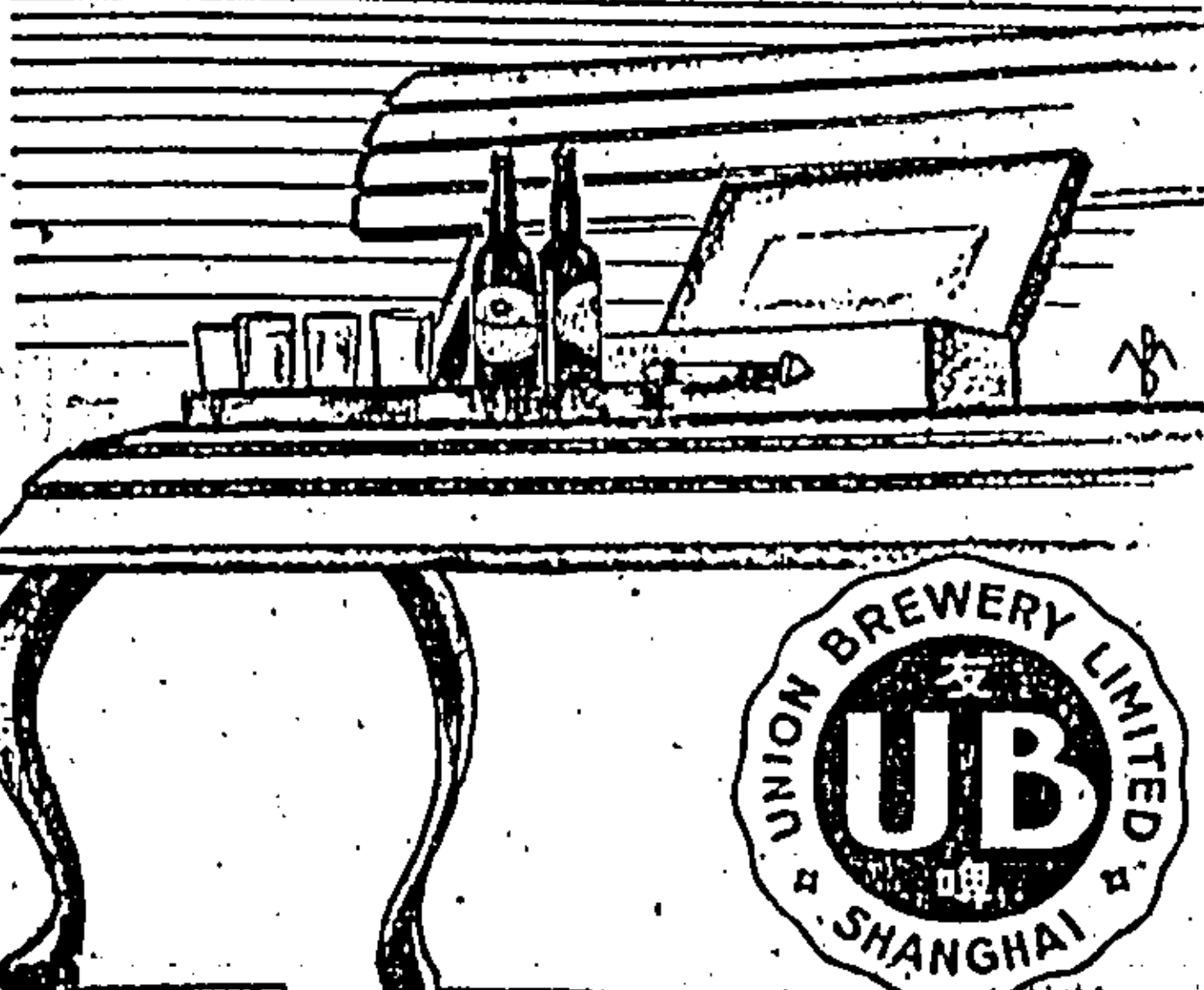
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Popular In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The news of Lord Lothian's death produced expressions of regret throughout the United States.

Tributes are paid to his "informal friendliness" and to his "eloquent speech which is described as 'one of the best of his career and a level-headed approach to the problems of the day'."

Lord Lothian was one of the most popular Ambassadors London ever sent to Washington.

The American press who previously seldom ever saw the Ambassador, took to him from the very beginning. Every time he visited the White House or the State Department a large crowd of journalists awaited his exit. They were seldom disappointed for he always spoke as freely as circumstances permitted.

Sympathy is felt on all sides here for the British nation at the loss of a servant whose passing comes at the time of his maximum usefulness to his country in a period of international danger and crisis.

Italians Falling Back In Albania

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All along the 80-mile battle front it is fighting successfully and all Italian counter-attacks have been repulsed.

The left wing of the Greek army, said a spokesman in Athens, is continuing its advance towards Chimara, a coastal town on the Adriatic 20 miles north of Santa Quaranta. Further to the right the Italians at some places put up a very stiff resistance before they were finally dislodged from their positions with heavy losses.

The Italians employed the crack Alpine Corps in keen fighting in the coastal sector round Tepelini where a colonel is understood to have been killed and many of his men taken prisoner.

The Greek troops, taking advantage of the Italian retreat from Argyro-Castron, have advanced along the hills bordering the Drinos valley and are now approaching Tepelini.

Bitter Weather

December 12.—The rhythm of the battle is being much slowed down by snow blizzards and bitter cold.

The Italians to-day made repeated counterattacks in the northern part of the front but all were repulsed with great losses. The most severe fighting was in the Potradetz sector where a position on the Greek right flank was heavily assaulted. The Greeks have maintained all positions captured in that area.

Vital Area Encircled

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The area on which future developments of the campaign may greatly depend is reported to have been encircled by three Greek columns as a result of speedy action by the Greeks during the past 30 hours.

The Italians have strenuously counter-attacked in the centre sector of the front, but according to a Greek spokesman, the extent of their success can be measured by their own statement that they took only three prisoners in these engagements.

On the northern front snow is reported to be three feet deep, and in this sector the Greek advance has been slowed up.

Greek successes here are regarded as satisfactory in view of the fact that the Italians flung most of their latest reinforcements into this sector.

Recently captured prisoners confirm reports of confusion in back areas behind the Italian front, and according to these prisoners entire Italian units are out of touch with the Italian Higher Command.

Early Nazi Raiders Far Reaching Blow Fall Before R.A.F. Of British In N. A.

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was very severe. Six churches, eleven schools and two cinemas were among the buildings hit, and there was also damage done to house property in a number of districts.

Although the number of casualties include some fatalities, they are not believed to be heavy considering the scale of the attack.

Early raiders followed the usual course and dropped incendiary bombs. Later arrivals brought high explosive bombs and some were particularly heavy. Many fires were started, but the strenuous efforts of the Fire Services extinguished nearly all within a few hours.

The A.A. barrage was at one time heavier than on any previous occasions and caused the raiders to fly high.

Flaming Oil

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 12 (UP).—Flaming oil and explosive bombs hit eleven schools, six churches, two cinemas and a hospital in the longest raid of the war, but it was not as concentrated as previous attacks, and the damage and casualties were smaller.

Eton College Damaged

LONDON, Dec. 12 (UP).—Eton College and the Wembley Stadium

people in general and to the Army in particular.

Portuguese Interest

LISBON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Portuguese are following the British and Greek victories with intense interest, and crowds gather in the streets awaiting the issue of the evening newspapers, eagerly reading the news posted outside newspaper offices.

football field were damaged in recent air raids. Parts of the ancient Eton buildings, including the famous stained glass chapel, were destroyed.

Raiders On Midlands

LONDON, Dec. 13 (UP).—Night raiders were over Liverpool at 0.10 last night. Bombs were dropped on an east Midlands town shortly after dusk for the second time yesterday.

Raiders flying extremely high passed over another Midlands town and raiders were also over a northern England town. At 7.40 p.m. early raiders dropped a line of three flares on one London district during brisk gunfire, after which there was a lull. German raiders were also over a town in northwest England.

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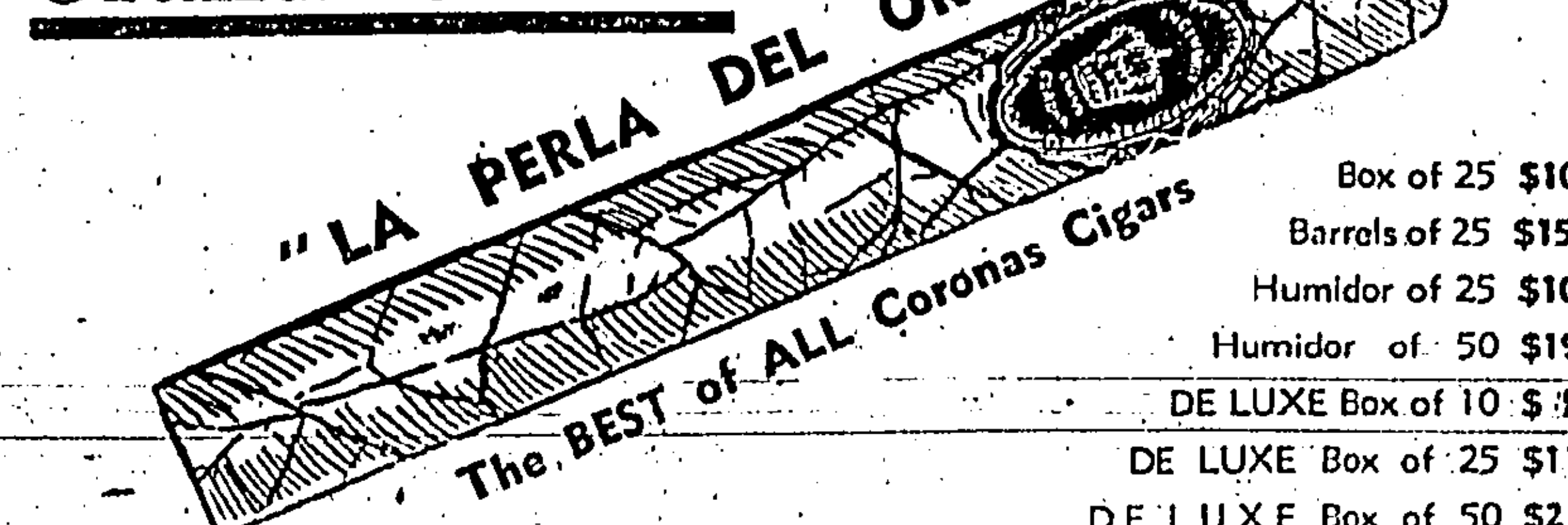
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Envoy's Death Shocks Britain

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The news of Lord Lothian's death has deeply shocked Britain, especially as it was totally unexpected and came while the Ambassador was so much in the public eye as a spokesman for the British cause in a country where its advocacy is just now of vital importance to the whole Allied cause.

The news cast gloom over the members of all Parties in Parliament. Many expressed the view that he would be hard to replace, for he had won a position for himself of distinctive eminence.

It is understood that Mr. Butler, the Chancellor, will carry out the duties of Ambassador for the time being.

Delayed Announcement
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The delay in announcing Lord Lothian's death may be explained by the Embassy's desire to notify President Roosevelt formally first. The President is at present cruising in the Caribbean Sea.

Roosevelt Message
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt sent a message to King George VI. saying, "I am shocked beyond measure to hear of the sudden passing of my old friend, your Ambassador Lothian."

"Through nearly a quarter of a century we had come to understand and to trust each other."

"I am very certain that if he had been allowed by Providence to send a last message, he would have told us that the greatest of all efforts to keep democracy in the world must and will succeed."

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, sent a message of sympathy to Mr. Churchill, and the United States Government has offered the British Government all facilities at their disposal in connection with the death.

Loss To Diplomacy
LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Lord Lothian's death is an irreparable loss.

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EL SOLLUM CAPTURED BY BRITISH FORCES, SAYS ANKARA REPORT

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, DEC. 12 (UP).—IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE ANKARA RADIO TO-DAY THAT BRITISH TROOPS HAD CAPTURED EL SOLLUM, STRATEGICAL TOWN ON THE LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN FRONTIER.

HOWEVER, MILITARY CIRCLES IN LONDON DECLARED THEY HAD NO CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT.

SIDI BARRANI: FULL STORY

How City Was Captured

"Reuter's" Correspondent with the Army of Nile

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Despite days of gruelling fighting—some of which took place in thick sandstorms—the advance British troops are in the highest spirits, jubilant at the successes achieved after months of waiting.

The British advance troops executed a swift extensive flanking movement encircling one enemy position after another to capture Sidi Barrani while the Royal Air Force concentrated on keeping Italian bombers and fighters out of the air by incessantly bombarding and machine-gunning their aerodromes. The dull, monotonous booming of the guns of the British fleet many miles away was clearly audible here; there warships are pounding the Italian coastal positions.

The Battle for Sidi Barrani was keen and bitter.

The eventual outcome of the present operations is impossible to forecast because of the rapidly changing situation which is changing but the positive balance already achieved by the British is, as one officer expressed it, "many prisoners" together with quantities of war material most of which is in excellent condition.

Combined Assault

The artillery, infantry, armoured forces and the Royal Navy all contributed to a twelve hour bombardment of Sidi Barrani while the Royal Air Force's part was to bomb it almost continuously for 16 hours on Monday. Severe casualties were inflicted on Black Shirt Divisions who, nevertheless, offered fierce resistance to the British onslaughts.

Despite the duststorms which persisted throughout yesterday, making parts of the desert, including aerodromes, look like London in a peacetime fog, the R.A.F. flew out unceasingly on their harassing tasks. At times returning bombers were unable to see their aerodromes and were forced to land on emergency aerodromes elsewhere. Their bombardment of Benina which is an Italian advance air striking base, was probably the heaviest bombing raid ever carried out in the Near East and it

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STRONG TURKEY May Influence War Result

ANKARA, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—"The economic strength of Turkey has assumed such magnitude that it may well influence the final outcome of the world's struggle," declared the Turkish Prime Minister, Dr. Saydam, speaking on the anniversary of National Economy week, according to the Ankara Radio.

Dr. Saydam pointed out that the struggle between nations had changed from a military act of fighting pure and simple to a war waged on economic staying powers, and he continued, "our position is far superior to that of 1914 both in industry and agriculture, and our financial position is strong. We continue to place confidence in the economic power of our country."

MANNHEIM BOMBED BY R.A.F.

Extensive Damage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 12 (UP).—R.A.F. bombers attacked the power station at Mannheim last night with heavy bombs and incendiaries.

"Immediately, fires broke out and were still burning when our aircraft left the scene," it was stated.

The report said the bombers were forced to fly through cold and thick clouds until they reached Mannheim when there was a sudden clearing. It was revealed that other bombers earlier attacked the railway sidings beside the Rhine at Mannheim, starting several fires and great explosions. The inland harbour at Mannheim was also raided and "the docks at Calais, Boulogne and Aples were badly knocked about."

Aid For U-Boats Off Cuba

HAVANA, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Allegation that German submarines are being provisioned off the shores of Cuba by ships of neutral countries calling here was made in the Cuban House of Representatives today. The allegation was made by Senator Chibas in a speech supporting a motion to send Congressional felicitations to President Roosevelt on his re-election.

Senator Chibas accused "fifth columnists" of attacking the diplomatic residence of a great and friendly Power and stealing documents from there. He did not name the friendly Power concerned.

20,000 Italian Prisoners

CAIRO, Dec. 12 (UP).—General headquarters announce that the Italians are continuing to withdraw on the Western Desert and estimated that more than 20,000 Italians were taken prisoner including one commander, and two Generals commanding divisions.

Tanks, guns and equipment of all types were taken.

"On the Sudan front, our patrols continued to harass the enemy," the announcement concluded.

Panic Retreat To El Sollum
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Dec. 12 (UP).—R.A.F. headquarters on the Western Desert revealed yesterday that nine enemy planes were destroyed and that aerial activity is again intense today.

"Both bomber and fighter aircraft continued to support the army offensive by bombing every Italian advanced aerodrome and attacking enemy troops."

"The Blackshirt troops in large numbers are retreating to El Sollum and are being heavily machine-gunned and thrown into utter confusion. In the same area, a large quantity of mechanized transport was successfully bombed."

"Several tons of bombs were dropped on El Sollum, while the enemy landing grounds at Gambut, Azza, Menushir, El Dam, El Gubbi, Derna, Tamlini and El Gazala were raided. A number of enemy aircraft dispersed on the ground was destroyed. One of our planes has not returned."

Headlong Retreat

CAIRO, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The British offensive in the Western Desert is developing so fast that the enemy is being driven into a headlong retreat. It is realized that British G.I.I.Q. communications tend to minimise our successes rather than to make claims until they have been confirmed beyond doubt.

It is thus reasonable to suppose that the figure of 20,000 prisoners given in the latest communiqué is an underestimate. The speed of the offensive has meant that communications had hardly advanced before fresh important advances and captures were taking place. It may be days before the exact number of prisoners, guns and tanks taken is known.

Brilliant Strategy

As the picture of the first three days of fighting are fitted together at G.I.I.Q. from reports arriving from the desert front, it becomes evident that the Middle East Command, with a brilliant piece of strategy planned

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HERTZOG RESIGNS Led Opposition To Smutts

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—General Hertzog, former Prime Minister and later Leader of the Opposition, has resigned his membership of Parliament.

The resignation of Mr. Havengood, former Finance Minister under General Hertzog is also announced. These developments follow General Hertzog's resignation from the leadership of the Re-United Nationalist Party, which was the official Opposition.

The news of the resignation appeared in a letter from General Hertzog and Mr. Havengood which was published in the ex-Premier Minister's own paper the "Divaderland."

Farmers' Subsidy

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Hill sheep farmers in the U.K. are to receive a special subsidy to supplement this year's returns. It is announced in the House of Commons by Mr. Brown, Minister for the Interior for Scotland.

The subsidy, based on breeding stocks, is to be 2s. 6d. in respect of each breeding ewe.

Early Nazi Raiders Fall Before R.A.F.

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—British fighters shot down three German aircraft this morning when small formations of enemy fighters and fighter-bombers crossed the Kent coast flying towards London, and dropped a small number of bombs on the outskirts of the London Area, the Air Ministry announces.

HATCHING CIVIL WAR IN FRANCE

New Revelations

MADRID, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—

"Anyone who thinks that the de Gaulle movement is just a matter of a few rebel generals, knows little of the situation," declares the Paris correspondent of the Spanish newspaper "Ya."

The correspondent continues that the movement represents considerably more; it gives energy to "the germ of civil war which is hatching in France and which only the German army of occupation forestalls."

The correspondent adds that surprise is expressed in Paris that Generals de Gaulle, Catroux and Legentilhomme have only recently been deprived of French citizenship by the Vichy Government, but notes that Vichy is showing tardy signs of taking serious steps against the de Gaulle Government.

Paris, he says, is discussing a possible further reshuffle in the Vichy Government whereby M. Alibery would leave the Cabinet and M. Pierre Flaudin would become Minister for the Interior while M. Payrouton would become a Minister.

Indo-China Disturbances Lyons Announcement

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—Serious disturbances in French Indo-China were mentioned by the announcer on the Lyons wireless on Thursday night. He said that clashes occurred recently in Saigon and in seven provinces between armed forces and demonstrators, said to be communists.

It was added that damage was done to civil administrative and private buildings. A number of bridges were destroyed and communications were cut.

Order was restored by soldiers, police and marines, but there were wounded on both sides. The measures taken by the local government, he concluded, have resulted in the suppression of these "subversive movements."

THE MAN OF THE MOMENT



Lieut.-Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, K.C.B., C.M.G., M.C., who is supreme director of the present successful British offensive in the Western Desert.

Italians Falling Back In Albania

Greek Threat To El Bassan

By HENRY CORREL
"UNITED PRESS" WAR CORRESPONDENT

ATHENS, Dec. 12 (UP).—This report is made from a position with the Greek troops in the Mokra mountains west of Lake Ochrid. After three days of terrible weather, the Greeks have penetrated many miles in this sector removing the major obstacles in this drive on El Bassan, although the reinforced Italian troops are resisting harder.

I have counted scores of Italian dead who had been frozen and many have been taken prisoner.

Another "United Press" correspondent, Paul Paleologos, who is with the Greek troops on the southern front said that Italian officers frankly admitted that the army and the Fascist Party are having friction. One officer said: "I am afraid it will bring violent reaction in Italy and give the Communists the chance they have been waiting for." Paleologos said that Italian resistance is weakening.

In the Pogoradetz sector, the Greek Evzone troops have captured the mountain dominating the whole northern range above Lake Ochrid and are attacking from three directions during a very heavy blizzard.

Steady Retreating

ATHENS, Dec. 12 (UP).—Reports from the front say that Italian troops are steadily retreating on the coastal front towards Porto Palermo and Chirnari, under steady Greek pressure.

At the same time Greek Evzone troops have captured a mountain height dominating the entire northern wing on the Albanian front. The noon edition of the newspaper "Vradini" confirms despatches from the front that the "Italians" have retreated toward Porto Palermo five miles south of the Italian key position at Himara.

Approaching Tepelini

"REUTERS" WITH THE GREEK ARMY
DECEMBER 12.—The Greek army continues to retain the initiative.

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LATEST

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Far Reaching Blow Of British In N. Africa

By "Reuter's" Chief Diplomatic Correspondent

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The crushing blows inflicted on Mussolini's army in Africa are calculated to have almost a decisive effect on the course of the war. The Italian Fleet must now either accept battle or the Duce's Legionnaires in North Africa can be considered lost. Their offensive power has been destroyed in one fell blow, while the menace to the Nile Valley no longer exists.

The Italian defeat will be felt politically not only in Europe but all over the East.

Japan must now have cause to reconsider her hasty action in joining the tripartite pact.

Even assuming that violent domestic reactions do not upset the Fascist regime, it is not likely that Mussolini will get much help from the Germans, and Japanese aid can be ruled out. Indeed, the question

may arise if the pact still holds if one of the parties collapses.

Inspiration To Many
The effect of the Italian reverses will be most inspiring in the Balkans. The Greeks will be encouraged to further acts of valour, and the extent of the help that Britain will be able to give may be increased. Yugoslavia's hands will be strengthened, and Axis propaganda in Bulgaria will suffer a severe setback.

The many friends of Britain in France will derive fresh hope and encouragement from this British victory. It will increase France's value in German eyes, but it will make M. Laval's policy more unpopular and distasteful to French people in general and to the Army in particular.

Military Blamed For Defeat Of Italians

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Dec. 12 (UP).—Grave disquiet within Italy is revealed in an article written by Signor Farinacci in the "Regime Fascista" to-day.

Evidently referring to Marshal Badoglio, the writer says: "A certain person who should keep quiet is saying that he did not want the Greek campaign and needed a great number of divisions."

Signor Gorda, writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" says that the battle of Egypt will decide the outcome of the war, and that Italy is confident of victory. He recalled that Italy got the best of Austria "after the Austrians had occupied Italy" up to Udine.

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A.R.P. Man Took Gin, Is Gaoled

Leader of an A.R.P. rescue squad, Leonard Weston (36), of Stopford Road, Walworth, was sentenced to a month's hard labour at Clerkenwell recently on a charge of stealing a quarter bottle of gin.

The charge was substituted for one of larceny.

"I thought the men needed a drink after getting a body out," Weston told the magistrate. "But I picked it up, so I must plead guilty, I suppose."

Private Harold Edgar Robertson (41), of 5th Field Ambulance New Zealand Medical Corps, was fined £5 for stealing two half-bottles of whisky and a pocket bottle of gin, value 25s. 6d., from damaged licensed premises.

Firemen For Trial

Two auxiliary firemen, Charles Herbert Palmer (38), of Marlborough Road, Holloway, and Clarence Foxcroft (31), of Bedford Grove, Merton Park, S.W., were charged at Bow Street with looting while engaged in fire-fighting in the West End.

Palmer was stated to have picked up a cigarette lighter from debris in the road. When arrested, he produced from his pocket two other lighters and a pipe, worth altogether £6 12s. 6d., and said: "Give me a chance. I have got a wife and family to keep. I am unlucky. They are all doing it."

Foxcroft was stated to have picked up two pipes at the same place. Palmer was committed for trial, an application for bail being refused. Foxcroft, who was said to have worked 60 hours a week as a volunteer fireman and to have carried out good rescue work, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment with hard labour on a reduced charge of theft.

"What is the good of putting out a fire if you are going to rob the man whose house you are saving?" asked Sir Robert Dummell, the magistrate.

Comforts In Destroyers

Gesture By U. S. Navy

British naval officers who have brought back from the United States destroyers taken over from the United States Navy, speak in terms of high praise of the trouble taken by American naval officers and ratings to ensure their comfort.

Besides leaving on board each destroyer for about a week an officer and 20 men, who have introduced the newcomers to the mysterious of machinery and equipment, it was usually found that binoculars had been left on the bridges, sheets and blankets in the berths, cutlery in the cabins, and sundry other supplies in the boatswain's store, galley and engine room.

In the ward rooms and messes cigarette boxes had been generously replenished.

In fact, extreme pains had evidently been taken even in lesser amenities to ensure that the ships should be well furnished in every respect when taken under the White Ensign.

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The vessel is of the Shelter Deck type designed for a carrying capacity of 9,000 tons and fitted with Diesel Machinery.

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
1	100	Cheung Sha Wan	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	40,000	\$30	\$1,000

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Pokfulam Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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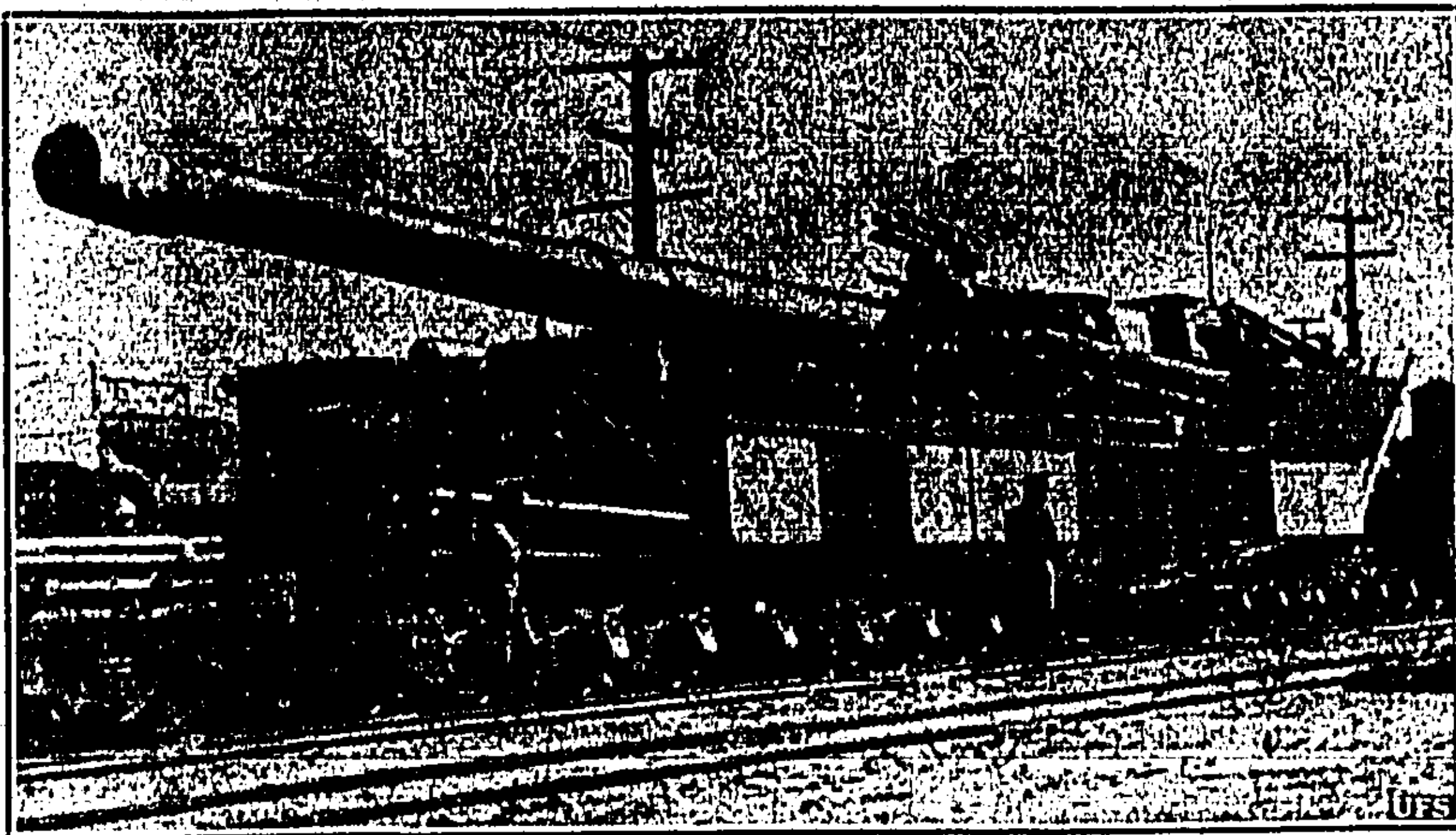
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2	100	Pokfulam Road	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	40,000	\$30	\$1,000



PROMOTED—First time in the history of the U. S. Army a Negro is raised to the rank of Brigadier General. He's Benjamin O. Davis, above, appointed to post in cavalry. He worked up from the ranks.

METROPOLE HOTEL



GUARDS WEST COAST—One of U. S. Army's 14-inch coast defence guns, two of which recently were moved from Fort MacArthur, at San Pedro, Cal., to Santa Barbara. There the big fellows will be fired by Third Coast Artillery, during three weeks' drill for men.

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Boccherini Concerto In B Flat Major

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Vivian Ellis at the Piano.

12.40 Gerald and His Orchestra.

Accordeon Nights, Medley, Fox-Trots—Don't Worry 'Bout Me (from 'Cotton Club Parade'), What Goes Up Must Come Down (from 'Cotton Club Parade').

Gerald and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain: 'The Fleet's Lit Up'—Selection....Gerald and His London Hippodrome Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Boccherini—Concerto in B Flat Major.

1.45 John McCormack (Tenor) and the London Palladium Orchestra.

Marches—The Liberator (Ancliffe), The Spirit of Youth (Gilbert).

The London Palladium Orchestra; The Kerry Dance (Molloy)....John McCormack (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Love Makes the World Go Round (from 'These Foolish Things'); When You Dream About Hawaii (from 'These Foolish Things')....London Palladium Orchestra. Soloist: Gerry Fitzgerald; Green Isle of Erin (Bingham-Rockwell)....John McCormack (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Master Melodist.

2.30 Closing Down.

2.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 The Kentucky Minstrels.

Whisper and I Shall Hear (Piccolomini)....Soloist: John Duncan; The Song that Reached My Heart (Jordan)....Soloists: Gwen Catley and John Duncan; Carry Me Back to Green Pastures (Pepper)....Soloist: George James.

7.45 Marcel Palotti at the Organ.

Sylvia Ballet—Fantasy (Delibes); Formentor—Dance of the Brides of Kuchin (Rubinstein); La Danza (Rossini); Jan Kiepura Film Memorials.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Charlie Kung at the Piano.

8.15 London Relay—Stanley Holloway.

8.30 Variety.

Organ and Piano—The Bell of St. Mary's (Adams)....Robinson Cleaver and Patricia Rossborough; Vocal—Seein' is Believin' (Adams and Ager); Rehearsing a Lullaby (Hoffman and Others)....Les Allen (Baritone) with Piano and Orchestra; Dance—Spang-Easy (Gershwins); Rollin' Home (De Rose)....The Eight Piano Symphony; Vocal—Experiment ('Nymph Errant'—Cole Porter); The Physician ('Nymph Errant'—Cole Porter)....Gertrude Lawrence with Orchestra; Vocal—Form Fours—War Songs Medley....The Big Four (Vocal Quartet) with Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: 'Books and People'.

9.45 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's.

'Iolanthe'; 'The Yeomen of the Guard'; 'The Pirates of Penzance'.

Orchestra—Fantasia on Sea Shanties (arr. Ghiblari)....London Symphony Orchestra; Vocal—Ah, Moon of My Delight (from 'In a Persian Garden')....Omni Khayyam-Lehmann; Webster Booth with Orchestra; Orchestra—The Flowers Caravan (Fantasia)....Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra; Piano—Phil The Fluter's Ball (Rossborough)....Patricia Rossborough; Vocal—Nice Kind Sergeant-Major (Long); In Our Village A.R.P. (Long); Norman Long Vocal—Baby, What Else Can I Do? (from 'Grand Terrace Revue'); I Just Got A Letter (Franklin)....Ethel Waters with Orchestra; Vocal—Turn on the Old Music Box, Give a Little Whistle (both from film 'Pinocchio')....Arthur Askey with Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

Islands Orphaned By War Aid Given To Britain By Dutch West Indies

Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 12, (UP).—Although still living under a "state of siege," the six islands of the Netherlands West Indies group governed from here have felt remarkably little effect of the war which, in the space of five days, made orphans of them when the Netherlands surrendered to the German blitzkrieg through the Low Countries.

The great majority of the 60,000 persons living on Curacao, Aruba, Bonaire, Saba, St. Martin and St. Eustatius have pitched in to perfect their defences and continue the peaceful life of the islands as much as possible.

Five Girl Experts On War Lies

On the third floor of the Ministry of Information there is a room called the Anti-Lie Bureau. It is controlled by dark-haired Miss Elizabeth Monroe.

Since the war started she and her four young women assistants have been scrutinizing the German news services and cables to find lies—"whoppers" they call them.

The bureau is open day and night, so that the staff can deal with the mass of literature which filters in hour after hour.

"All the girls here speak German fluently," Miss Monroe told a reporter. "The essence of our work is speed."

"There are two classes of 'whoppers' The first covers German lies which, in fact, defend themselves and are, therefore, not worth troubling about.

"But in the second group there is an average of a dozen a day. Our job then is to look round as quickly as possible and find the necessary material to counteract these lies."

"I asked Miss Monroe how many lies the bureau dealt with during the course of a day.

"That is a difficult question to answer. I don't want to tell you a 'whopper' myself," she said, "but I should think we find something like a hundred lies a day."

NEGRESS, 114, BELIEVED OLDEST WOMAN IN AMERICA

ALAMEDA, Cal. (UP).—Mrs. Sylvia Hoover, born a slave during the Presidency of John Quincy Adams, celebrated here recently her 114th birthday.

With her at the time were two of her children, Walter Hoover, 80, and her 72-year-old daughter, Rose Ella Hoover.

Mrs. Hoover believes she is the oldest woman in the United States, if not in the world.

"I had twelve children," she said, "and eight of them are still alive."

"I buried my husband 47 years ago. I married him in 1850. I was 20 years younger than he was. We were separated for seven years when we were sold apart as slaves."

"Then after the emancipation by Abraham Lincoln, we got together again. My husband was the first freed slave in the country to own his own land. That was in Mississippi where he had 150 acres."

"In 1870 he was elected a supervisor from Holmes county."

Mrs. Hoover brought her family here in 1913 to get away from the floods which were damaging her property in Mississippi.

"Once I marched in a parade for Benjamin Harrison," she said. "That was pretty recent, in 1887."

"Up until three years ago I made block quilts and did the housework. But now my eyes are too bad. I hurt my right eye 20 years ago while cutting kindling. But now my daughter reads to me."

ARMY STAFF NEW BRIGADIER

—For H.K.

Lieut.-Col. Andrew Peffers, o.n.c. arrived from India yesterday to relieve Brigadier A. B. Thomson, the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General in Charge of Administration, China Command.

Lieut.-Col. Peffers, who is 47, belongs to The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). He served as G.S.O.2, Scotland Command, from 1934 to 1939, and in France, Belgium and Mesopotamia during the last war and afterwards with the Iraq Army.

Brigadier Thomson was appointed in 1937.

The Hongkong English Forum is presenting its third annual Family Show to-morrow, December 14, at 2 p.m. at the Chinese Y.W.C.A., Bonfata Road. The proceeds will be given to charity.

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Ord. Dec. 17, 2.30 p.m.

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Manila, Straits and United Kingdom.

Kowloon P.O.

Parcels Dec. 17, 4.00 p.m.

Reg. Dec. 17, 5.00 p.m.

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Reg. Dec. 17, 5.00 p.m.

Ord. Dec. 17, 5.30 p.m.

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G.P.O.

Reg. Dec. 17, 5 p.m.

Ord. Dec. 17, 5.30 p.m.

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G.F.O. and K.F.O.

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Ord. Dec. 18, 5.30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 19

Canton 7.15 a.m.

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".

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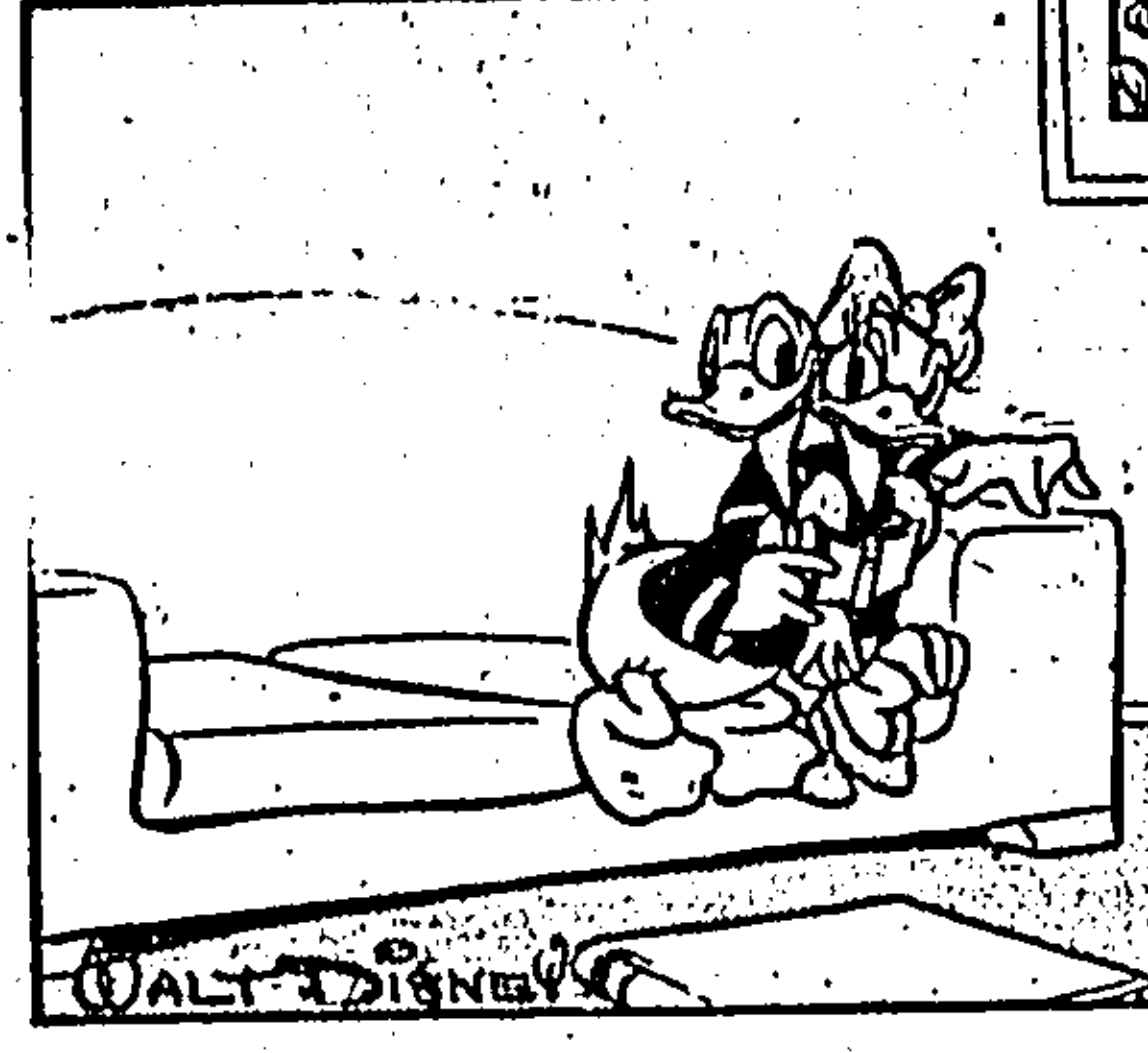
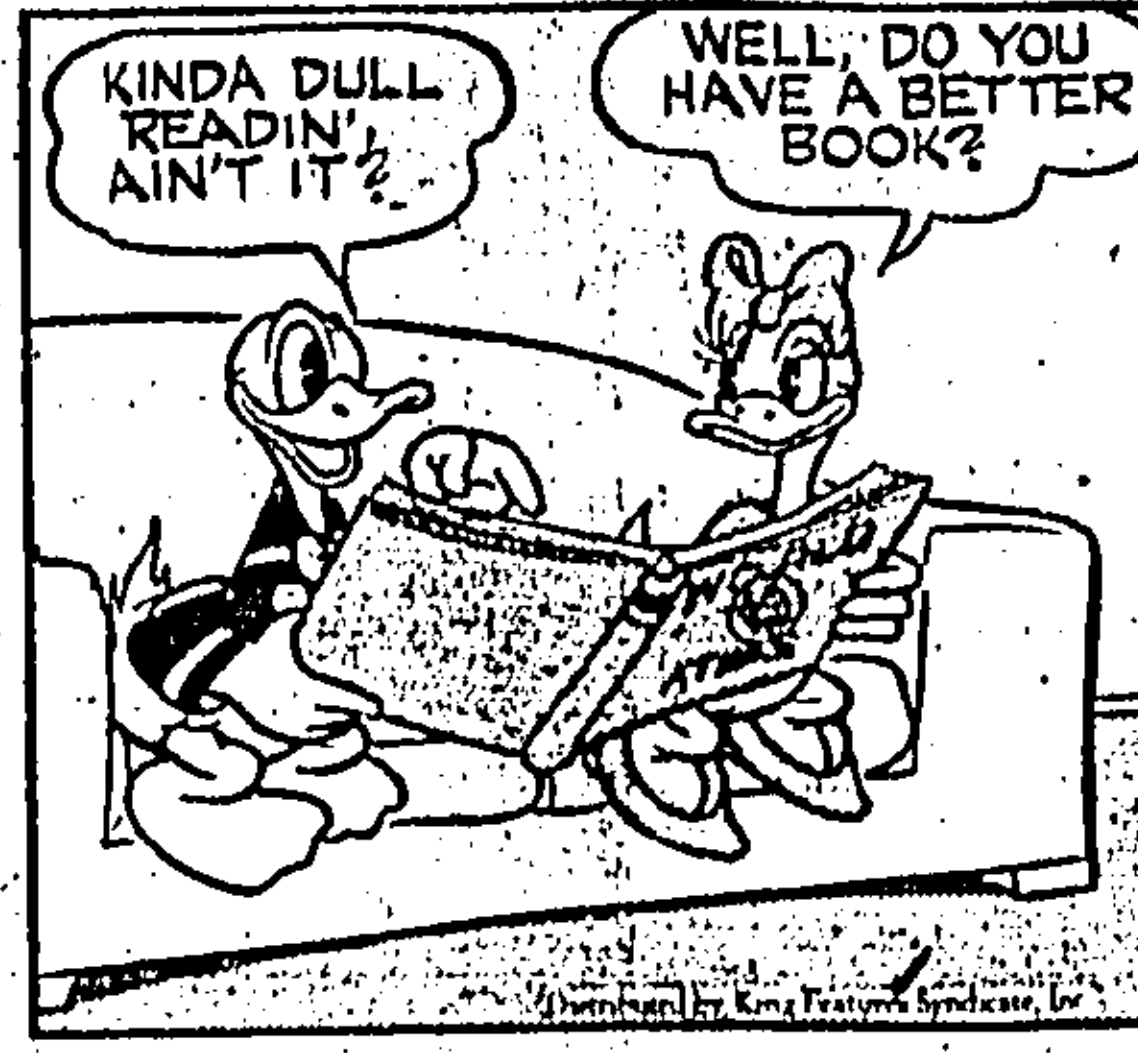
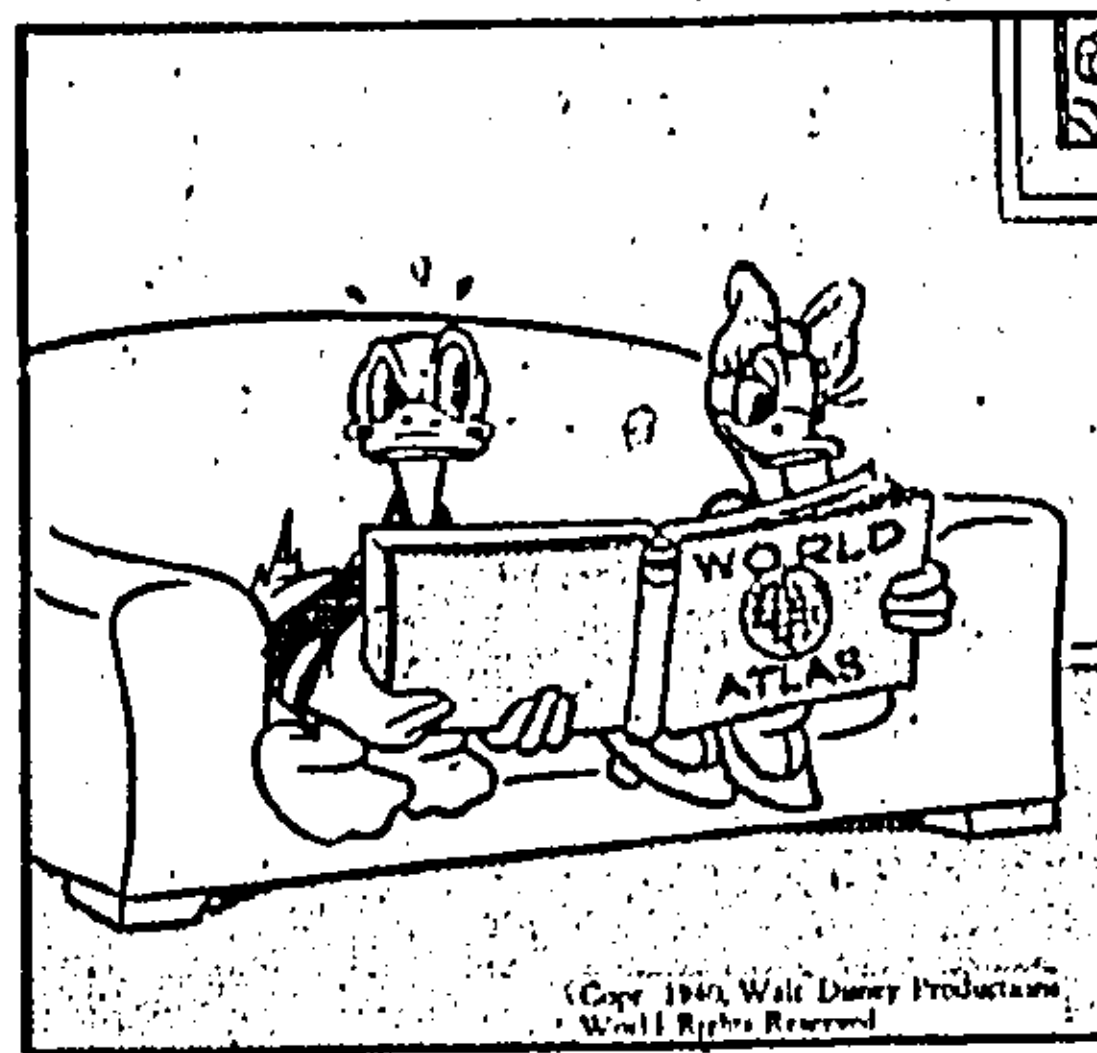
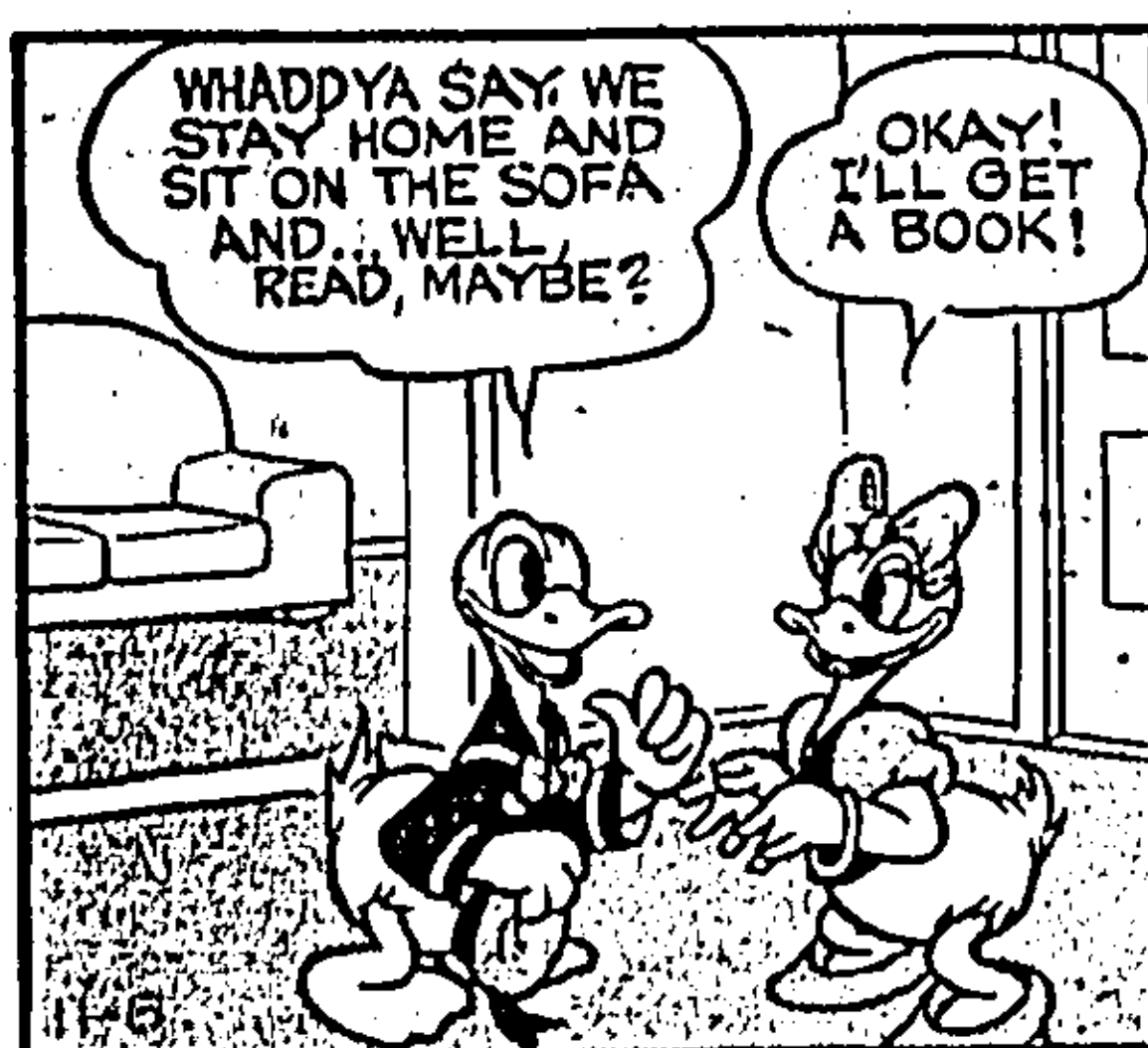
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RESUME

Since marriage is a girl's only career in the 1800's, Mrs. Bennet, mother of five marriageable daughters — Elizabeth, Jane, Mary, Lydia and Kitty — campaigns like a general to capture two rich London bachelors, Mr. Darcy and Mr. Bingley, for her two elder girls. Jane and Bingley fall in love at first sight; but Darcy's pride in his family and rank, prejudice Elizabeth against him despite the fact that they are warmly drawn to each other. Darcy finds Elizabeth's family impossible. Her gentle father is completely overshadowed by her vulgar, scheming mother, and her sisters, outside of Jane, Mary is a pretentious bore. Lydia and Kitty are unmannerly boisterous. Elizabeth is completely incensed at Darcy's treatment of George Wickham whom he refuses to meet. She credits his refusal to the fact that Wickham is the son of Darcy's late steward. Darcy, disgusted with the Bennet family, influences Bingley against Jane. Jane is heartbroken. Then Darcy realizes that family or no, he cannot conquer his honest love for Elizabeth. He proposes and she rejects him with contempt.

Chapter Five

FAMILY SKELETON

And then tragedy overtook the entire Bennet household.

Lydia, without uttering a word for a marriage licence, eloped to London with George Wickham.

Mrs. Bennet took to her bed, overwhelmed by the disgrace which followed in the wake of her daughter's mad caprice. Not only did the elopement set Lydia outside the pale, its scandal ruined forever all chance of marriage for her four other daughters.

Jane, returning from London, and Elizabeth, back from her visit to Charlotte, accepted this result with grim silence. Since Bingley was lost to her, Jane had no interest in husbands. Elizabeth, having flatly refused Darcy's offer of marriage, settled her mind to the fact that she'd live and die a spinster.

Through Charlotte's husband, Mr. Collins, Darcy heard of the scandal. His immediate reaction was to take the first coach to Meryton, and upon arrival, set out at once for the Bennet home.

Mary rushed to tell Elizabeth that Darcy was in the parlour waiting to speak to her. Darcy rose from his chair as she entered.

"Mr. Darcy!" she greeted, her tone sharp with angry defiance. "May I ask what has brought you here?"

"Feel no alarm, Madam," he replied coldly. "I have no intention of re-opening the painful subject of marriage. After what you said the other day, that chapter is definitely closed." He paused, and his voice, when he again spoke, was gentle. "Bad news travels fast, Miss Bennet. A few hours after you left the Collins' home I heard about George Wickham and your sister. I felt it my duty to come at once."

"To triumph over us, I suppose," she answered bitterly. "To offer my services," he said kindly. Her amazed stare gave him momentary pause. "Miss Bennet," he continued, "I told you the other day that, where Wickham was concerned, I chose to be silent. What has happened to your sister has made me change my mind. You have a right to know the truth about Wickham. One must know the worst in order to be able to guard against it. Your sister's case was not the first, Miss Bennet."

Elizabeth paled. "Do you mean that Wickham has done this before?" she cried. "To my own sister," he said unhappily.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

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cruciating emptiness where one's heart ought to be. Oh, Jane, I love him so much. I'm so dreadfully unhappy." With great effort she controlled herself. "How selfish I'm being," she sobbed as she dried her eyes. "As if I were the only one to be unhappy. Jane, my poor darling. You never did anything wrong, but look what happened between you and Mr. Bingley. Oh, it's not fair."

"I'm not really unhappy, Lizzy," Jane whispered. "It was worse at the beginning when I was always expecting him to write, or even come back. But now I don't do that any more. I only dream of him. You'll have to learn to dream, too, Lizzy. Like I do."

And, their arms about each other, the two sisters wept out their hearts.

Mr. Bennet returned from London, his mission a failure. Lydia

and Mr. Wickham were nowhere to be found. Now disgrace muddled the entire family with a vengeance. They were no longer in good standing with their neighbors. They were refused admittance to Meryton's annual celebration, the Assembly Ball. Street boys sang uncomplimentary songs about Lydia and Wickham. It was no longer safe for the girls to shop in the village. Jeers and taunts followed them everywhere.

And then, as unexpectedly as they had run away, so unexpectedly did Lydia and George Wickham return.

Like the silly, selfish, irresponsible child she was, Lydia took no notice of the sorrowful straits to which she had reduced her family. All that was unimportant. Besides, everything was now changed.

For Lydia and George Wickham were married!

More, George had suddenly come into a fortune! He was vague about its source; but Mrs. Bennet was too excited at this suddenly unexpected happy ending to tragedy, to press the point. Let the whole family rejoice! Her own little Lydia — Lydia, who was just sixteen — was married! The baby of the Bennet family was the wife of a handsome, dashing, and (Oh! blessed thought), rich army officer.

Into the mad excitement of the family reunion, strode the dour and stern person of Lady Catherine de Brough, Darcy's aunt.

She swept the Bennets with a blinding eye, dismissing the introduction to Wickham with the remark that his father had served in her family, offering acid comment in place of congratulations to Lydia, and in general leaving bewildered confusion and stunned hurt at her uninvited presence and highly offensive haughtiness.

"Mrs. Bennet," she finally announced, "I have come here solely to speak with your daughter, Miss Elizabeth. And I should like to talk to her alone."

Mrs. Bennet, overawed by the importance of the lady addressing her, hastily shoed her family from the room.

As the door closed, Lady Catherine swung about and faced Elizabeth.

"Miss Bennet," she began peremptorily. "You can be at no loss to understand the reason for my journey hither. Your own conscience must tell you that I have come to demand that you retract at once the rumour which has reached me."

Elizabeth stared at her in astonishment.

"I have been told," Lady Catherine continued severely, "that you, Miss Elizabeth Bennet, are shortly to be engaged to my nephew, Mr. Darcy."

And, having fired her bomb, Lady Catherine de Brough sat

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



Life In Italy

WAR has radically changed Italian life, and the shortcomings of Fascism in peacetime with its restrictions on personal liberty have, now that the nation is engaged in a major conflict, merged into a struggle for existence.

Foreigners, Italy's invisible export are as rare as flies in the wintertime—except for Germans who come to get and not to give. A few neutrals with business interests find life difficult and the odd hundred British who stayed on have been sent to the mountains to spend a lonely time for the duration.

Strangely enough, Florence, the city that used to thrive on its English visitors, has been most unkind to them now that they have become enemies, and many were sent to gaol when war began.

Britons in Rome, mostly elderly ladies, perhaps amounting to a score, have had an easier time. One woman living on the outskirts, of the city has been allowed to live in her villa, and Italian soldiers are billeted in her park.

But it is in the North that the war is most felt. Late nights are a thing of the past. Since the R.A.F. raids began life shuts down at 11 p.m. Trains, buses, trams and cinemas close before this hour, which has become a sort of unofficial curfew.

The black-out during the stifling summer months was difficult. Appeals are still published in the Press, asking people to be more careful with their lights. When a raid is on, the matter is simpler—the current is cut off at the

down in a fever of righteous wrath.

Where did Lady Catherine get this information? Can there be any truth in it? Read to-morrow's concluding chapter.

power station until the "all clear."

Problems of raid shelters which, up to now, have been limited to cellars, are being studied. House-owners have to reinforce their cellars and furnish them with chairs or benches and hurricane lamps.

According to the "Gazzetta del Popolo," of Turin, the Fascist leader of the town inspected the shelters during a raid and found them unsatisfactory. He published a report, reproduced in all the papers, and stated that fines would be imposed if shelters were not improved or if they were not kept clean.

Complaints are published in the "Popolo di Roma," about the exorbitant prices for vegetables and fruit.

Shopkeepers increase the price set by the municipal authorities, so that grapes, which were 6d. a pound last year, are now 1s. 6d. A list is published in the paper of over 200 green-grocers who are now in gaol for profiteering.

Wine prices have been blocked because of attempts to corner this commodity, consumption of which has soared recently. Fish, the distribution and price of which have been controlled, is now insufficient to go round.

Sugar is also scarce. The ration of a pound a month continues, but chemists have had their stocks curtailed by 25 per cent.

Soviet Army Manoeuvres

Russia's Far Eastern troops are on manoeuvres near Khabarovsk, conducting joint exercises with units of the Amur flotilla of the Soviet Fleet, according to "Red Star," the Soviet Army newspaper.

It is also revealed that Red Fleet manoeuvres are still in progress in the Black Sea.

Crossword Puzzle

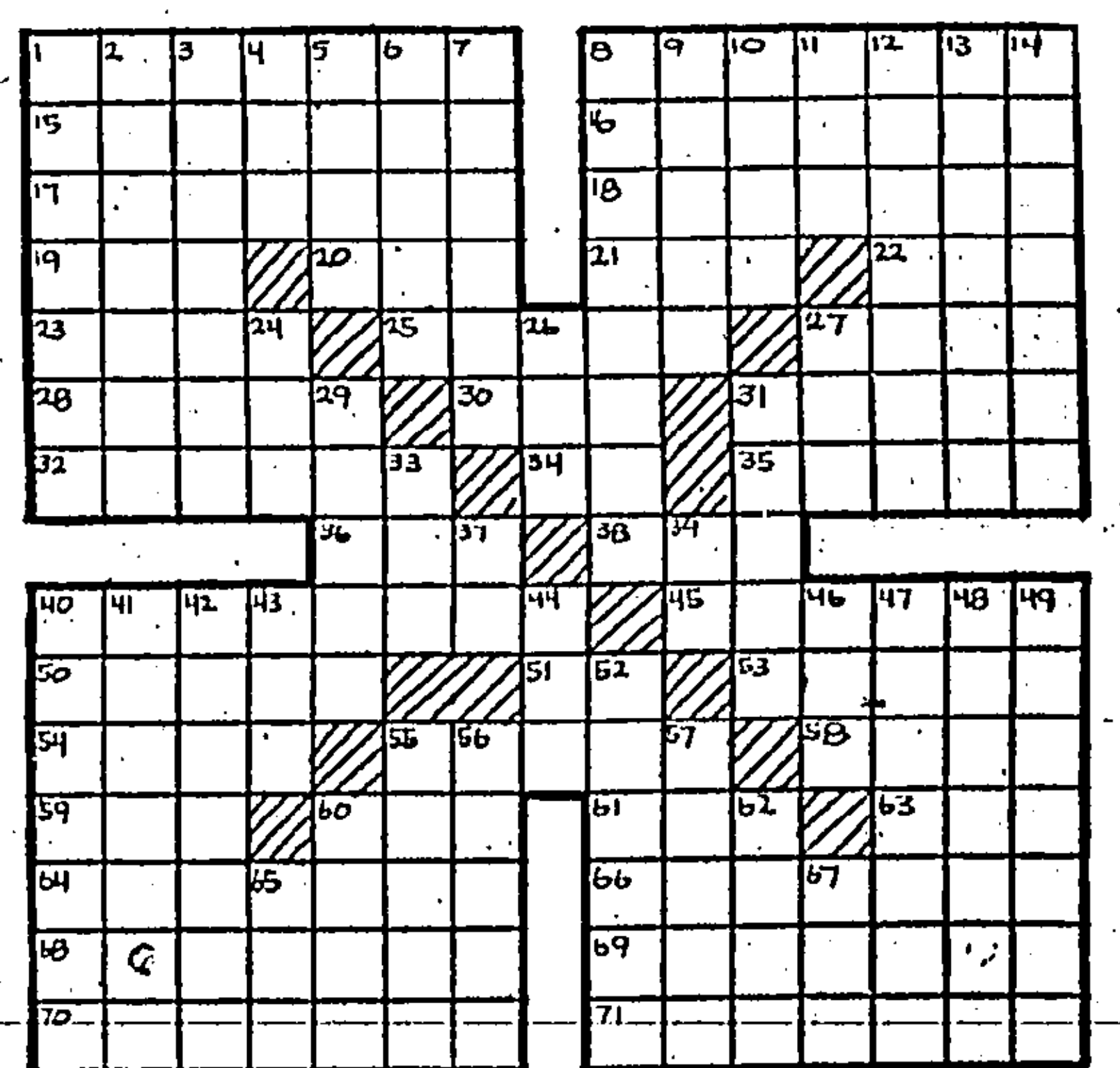
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ACROSS

- Model of excellence
- Light of peace
- Small North American bird
- Government protection for inventor
- Copper arsenate
- Was Indian society
- Free from extraneous values
- Japanese copper coin
- Eccentric rotating
- Propelling device for boats
- At the time
- Bill of sand
- Spread over
- Noise
- American quail
- Spring holiday
- In vicinity of
- Put into effect
- Swiss river
- Turned around
- Cut into thin pieces
- Balance
- That thing
- Not fresh
- Determine by measurement
- Entered in affected manner
- Unworked metals
- Custom
- Unit of energy
- Burce pepper
- Plant
- Years of life
- According to verbal statement

DOWN

- Placed in bird habitation
- Old
- Chief Norse god
- Room for storage
- Swiss-like process
- Relative to lockjaw
- Elementary
- Spanish tile set
- Marked by education
- Used on bird legs
- Elementary
- Headland (Arabian)
- Concerning
- Done
- In accustomed way
- By way of
- Marked by education
- Point of compass
- Clattering sound
- Jewish territorial organization
- Joined by
- Refinement
- Refined punishment
- Thrust of plant used in greasing cloth
- Short treatise
- Ones at amorous
- Series of dramatic
- Indian infant
- Gothic state
- Loss to bed
- Latent fear
- Spiritual being
- Ichneumonid mythology
- Many times



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THE FIRST VICTORY

THE BRITISH Empire has won its first victory of this war on the land. This is the cheerful and invigorating news which has resounded throughout the peace-loving and democratic nations of the world consequent upon the British western desert offensive, which has resulted in the retaking of the important sea town of Sidi Barrani and the capture of three Italian generals and several thousands of enemy troops.

Timed to perfection and carried out with initiative, gallantry and precision, the sweepingly successful drive made by British and Dominion troops has not only struck a serious blow at the Italians—already depressed and worried because of the Greece fiasco—but has let the world know that, given fair conditions and proper leadership, the Empire's soldiers still rank as the finest in the universe.

The achievement in recapturing Sidi Barrani must not be exaggerated from the military viewpoint; it means that we have regained something which had previously been lost. Its most potent aspect is that at long last our troops have been able to assume the offensive. How long have they waited for this moment! Norway, Flanders, France, Dunkirk, British Somaliland, northwestern Egypt! They recall retreats, rearguard fighting, defensive action—and not a little disappointment. But the Western Desert victory is the outcome of a well-planned, skilfully executed offensive, and coming after so long and patient a vigil, the fruits of that victory taste all the sweeter.

And it is timely to appraise the implications of the success. Its immediate effect is to have relieved Egypt and the Suez Canal of the long-threatened Italian assault; it has taken the initiative from Graziani and his armies, and has created a new strategic situation, pregnant with possibilities. Libya has become the country overshadowed by the terrifying spectre of invasion, and

The best way to use our Army—"Its main function should be Surprise"

by
G. Ward Price

WHAT is the best way to win the war? That we shall win it no one in Britain doubts, even while Hitler is still at his strongest and doing the worst of which he is capable.

At present we are maintaining a huge Navy, building up a mighty Air Force, and creating an Army several millions strong. Supremacy in all three forms of warfare is more than the Germans themselves have attempted. Vast though British resources are, it is obviously wise to concentrate them upon the development of those arms which will most quickly procure victory.

The present campaign has already revealed one factor in this problem which we had underestimated. It has proved the intrinsic strength of our insular position to be much greater than we had ever believed.

Those responsible for British strategy had always feared that the capture by an enemy of the ports on the other side of the English Channel would bring about our downfall. To avert this danger was the principal aim of British policy, both diplomatic and military.

Yet now, not only the Channel ports, but those of the Norwegian, Danish, Dutch, and Belgian coasts as well are in the hands of the most formidable foe we have ever faced.

The possession of these places is of even greater advantage to the enemy than it would have been in any earlier war. Twenty-five years ago the air arm was mainly limited to local activity. To-day our territory can be continuously attacked from the aerodromes established along that coast beyond the Narrow Seas.

REVISE OLD STRATEGY

Our old principles of national strategy are clearly, therefore, in need of revision. The idea that Britain's safety required us to fight upon the Continent so as to keep the enemy away from the Straits of Dover need no longer enter into our calculations. The notion that "our frontier lies on the Rhine" has proved out of date by the test of actual war.

Realisation of this fact should give us encouragement. It conduces to the economy of our strength. To send an immense Expeditionary Force across the Channel involves colossal cost in men and money. Moreover, we have never been good at fighting these great military campaigns. Our earlier wars against European Powers were won with very limited participation of British troops on the Continent. There were only 9,000 of them at Blenheim; no more than 30,000 at Waterloo.

When we had not the help of allied armies on the Continent, we fought against Louis XVI, and Napoleon upon the sea, which has always been our most advantageous battleground, or else by sudden raids on Continental ports and invasions of enemy colonial territories, to which our command of the sea gave us special facilities of access.

NAPOLEON'S SUCCESSOR

These methods, which beat Napoleon, will beat Hitler, who has succeeded to his position

to-day. The new factor of air warfare will balance out, or ultimately turn to our advantage. Once we have added supremacy in the air to our supremacy on the seas, no enemy can defeat us.

"Smash the Germans and march to Berlin!" is a spirited sentiment, but it would be the longest and costliest path to victory. Hitler would like nothing better than to see us land an Expeditionary Force to fight him on his own ground, where he is strongest. Even if, after long and fierce struggle, we beat the German Army, such a victory would leave us exhausted both of money and manpower.

MILITARY operations, on the huge scale that modern warfare requires, may well cripple the country that engages in them. Hitler, despite his greatly superior resources, will be starting on a hazardous adventure, if—as is apparently his intention—he follows up his invasion of the Balkans by thrusting forward through Asia Minor towards Palestine and Egypt.

In the last war, even when Turkey was the ally of Germany, it was the difficulty of communications that mainly brought about the collapse of German schemes in that part of the world.

There is no need for the British Army to march to Berlin—at any rate before the Nazi regime breaks up and the march becomes a victory parade.

The best use for our military resources is to keep them intact, ready to be directed against any point where Hitler's far-flung schemes begin to develop weakness. Our command of the sea will ensure that they can be thrown in where the conditions are most favourable to us.

The main function of our army should be surprise. The possibility of such action will

keep the enemy in constant anxiety, and compel him to hold troops in readiness all round the European seaboard.

The part played by the British Army will be the more valuable and effective if it is deliberately subordinated to the more important operations of the Fleet and Air Force.

If this principle is adopted, we can watch the course of the war, and be content to await our opportunity. We must always be keenly alert to deal with any desperate attempt at invasion, though the risk of this will gradually diminish with the constant increase of our naval and aerial strength.

With sea-power on our side, we can take big strategical views. When the Battle of Africa begins, it might conceivably be desirable in addition to strengthening the defence of Egypt, to ship a large army to the Middle East. Based upon India, its maritime lines of communication would be shorter and more convenient than those of the enemy, stretching halfway across Europe and through Western Asia down to the African frontier.

Should Hitler's Eastern campaign develop into a swoop upon the oilfields of Iraq, we could get there first from the Persian Gulf, and deprive him of his booty by destroying them.

THE RUSSIAN RIDDLE

NO one can forecast what form the war in that part of the world will take. Russia's attitude is still uncertain. She might resent, and even oppose, any attempt by Germany and Italy to seize control of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, forming the gateway to the warm waters of the Mediterranean that Russia has long coveted.

On the other hand, Germany may try to bribe Russia into acquiescence by the offer of a free hand in Iran, a country into which she began to extend her interests 30 years ago, and which the development of the Persian oilfields has now made a far more valuable prize.

The essential thing is to keep our troops in hand to deal with emergencies as they arise. Secure behind the defences provided by the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, we can steadily build up our strength. Meanwhile, the pressure of the naval blockade will continue to tell.

Sooner or later, whether it be in the Near East, in the French African colonies, or elsewhere, the chance will occur for us to exert our sea-borne military strength as well.

It is for this contingency and not for any vast and venture-some invasion of Europe that the British Army should be held in readiness.

BRITISH WOMEN MADE TO STRIP

British women, as well as men, were compelled to strip at Constantza, before they were allowed to leave Rumania.

This was revealed when the first 70 Britons to be evacuated from Rumania reached Istanbul.

They all had to submit to rigorous inspection, in spite of the fact that some of them carried diplomatic passports, issued at Bukarest.

The refugees said that conditions in Rumania were now the same as in all other German-occupied countries.

The incoming Germans are reported to have arrested a number of prominent Poles who fled to Rumania when Poland was overrun last September.

THE INSIDE STORY OF DAKAR

I HAVE now learned the inside story of the Dakar adventure.

It began with high hopes. General de Gaulle had received a large number of assurances from individual Frenchmen in French West Africa that he had but to appear off Dakar with a French and British force to be received with open arms.

But the Dakar expedition, like the abortive expedition to Finland, like the unfortunate expedition to Norway, took too long to prepare, too long to equip, too long to despatch, too long to arrive.

Five weeks elapsed between its creation and its arrival off Dakar. During those five weeks the Germans, the Italians, and the Vichy Government were fully informed as to its numbers and probable destination. Several thousand Frenchmen cannot be equipped in Britain with tropical kit and embarked on French vessels provided with a British naval escort without the numberless German agents in England and in Ireland being immediately aware of the fact.

A French general in uniform, with the unmistakable features of General de Gaulle, cannot be driven to a port

while the vast desert offers limitless obstacles; there is good reason to believe and hope that eventually our forces will be in a position to carry the war directly into the enemy's territory. The coast road to Libya has been reopened, and when the right moment arrives, the Empire may rest assured that under the enterprising leadership of General Wavell, supported by the British Navy and Air Force, its armies will march onto and into the Italian stronghold.

and embarked in a French warship, even at night, without the fact being known to the enemy's intelligence agents.

Finally—and this was the height of imprudence—a toast to "our ships at Dakar" was proposed and drunk with enthusiasm at a public banquet in London several days before General de Gaulle and his escort arrived in West African waters.

There were two good reasons for believing that the enemy had "got wind of the de Gaulle enterprise."

The first was the passage of the six French cruisers and destroyers through the Straits of Gibraltar.

A few days before the French expedition was due to arrive at Dakar, five German bombers arrived at that port from Algiers, bringing with them a number of high German officials, intelligence agents and artillery officers.

These are the men who directed the resistance of Dakar to General de Gaulle's advances. These are the men who hastily organised gun batteries on the shore, and stiffened the small French garrison in the port and airfield defences. These are the men who ordered the batteries to fire.

It is inconceivable otherwise that French officers on land would have fired upon four brother French officers, bearing a flag of truce. The French don't fire on the white flag, but the Germans do.

The expedition was founded upon an obvious contradiction. General de Gaulle went with a French army and a French fleet to Dakar, but on condition that he would not have to fight. And we sent a strong naval force to protect him, but we were requested by General de Gaulle to desist from any violent action.

The French forces which accompanied the General were intended,

understand, not to effect a landing at Dakar, but merely to stiffen the local garrison and the garrison in French Equatorial Africa, the Cameroons, and the other African colonies which had already joined de Gaulle.

The truth is that the political preparation of the expedition was lamentably neglected.

Weeks before the combined British and French force arrived in West African waters it should have been possible to land French intelligence agents well provided with gold and arms, from aeroplanes in the hinterland.

There were many French civil officials, army and air force officers in French West Africa who risked the loss of their career, their pension, the imprisonment of their families, and even the threat of the death sentence, if they declared openly for General de Gaulle.

Yet they were already secretly prepared to join him. They were, in fact, a latent Fifth Column, hostile to Germany, friendly to ourselves. Nothing was done about them, although the German Fifth Column in Dakar was notoriously active.

And now a postscript. It has recently been revealed that after Petain's capitulation Lord Gort and Mr. Duff Cooper arrived at Rabat in French Morocco, by aeroplane in the hope of seeing M. Mandel and other French statesmen believed to be there. It is stated that they arrived there "soon" after the capitulation.

My information is that they arrived twelve days later, when Petain had had time to defeat the designs of the joyists. Yet the British Government had been urged to send high Air Force officials to Rabat on the very day of the capitulation, when the greater part of the French Air Force was in Morocco and could have been won over.

GEORGE SLOCOMBE

"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Last Happy Valley Meeting For The Year

Can Eve Of Harvest Win Autumn Champions For China Ponies?

THE HONGKONG Autumn Champions for China ponies is timed to be run off at 3.30 p.m. over a course of 1 1/4 miles and the winner is to receive \$1,000. Only winners (that have started at least twice) at the Extra Meetings are eligible, but it is not to be expected that any of the "B," "C," "D" or "E" class raters will have the audacity to weigh out.

There is sound reason to believe that there will not be more than six nominations and I append below a list of probable starters with their jockeys.

Burford	D. Black
Clember	L. B. Chao
Confusion Bay	S. L. Sung
Craigavon	(no jockey yet)
Eve of Harvest	W. H. S. Davis
O-Lan	V. V. Needa

Last Saturday morning Burford was given a mile gallop and the champion took 2.06 1/2 to cover the circuit. Last Wednesday, the Quarter-master's candidate had a spin over six furlongs and the distance was covered in 1.32 1/2. These two gallops were done at 9 a.m. when the majority of the rail fans had gone. However, I was not pleased with the two "dress rehearsal" outings, because there was no swing in the show.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 14th December, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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Who Will Win Autumn Champions?: China Ponies Offer Problem

THE LAST of a series of 13 extra meetings under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held to-morrow (first saddling bell at 1.30 p.m.) and after this meet there will be no more flat racing at Happy Valley until Spring.

Post Entries For Champion Events

Attention of owners is drawn to the fact that nominations for the two champion events are post entries and they are reminded that ponies, whether Australian or China, for any of the Autumn classics must be declared in writing as starters by posting their names in the declaration box in the usual manner.

However, the two most important items on the card are the Hongkong Autumn Champions for China ponies, and the Queensland Autumn Champions confined to Australian makes. The other six events are consolation handicap contests for those gee-gees which generally finished under the category of "also rans."

I am afraid that the fields will be on the small side owing to the fact that the provision of barring winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January has precluded the entry of many so-so ponies of different classes. The object of the ban is, of course, to give other steeds a chance of making a few extra dollars to provide for their "hay and corn."

Speculation is rife among those who make the morning pilgrimage to Happy Valley as to whether Sapper will be able to resist the challenge of either Baffin Bay or Viceroy in the Australian champions, and whether Eve of Harvest will repeat her spectacular display in the October Handicap over 1 1/4 miles when the mare trounced O-Lan by two clear lengths.

I am glad that there is a division in the company of those earlier birds sitting on the rails, otherwise there would not be any interest in the two big classics.

Anxious Trainers

THERE is no trainer more anxious to capture the two champions than Mr. Lou Reidy, who is in charge of the above two candidates. The first reason is to please the lady owner, wife of His Excellency Major-General A. B. Grasett, while the other is to win the first Hongkong Autumn Champions for Sir Victor Sassoon.

It may be of interest to know that Sir Victor's best attempt was two seconds, Boxing Eve finishing three lengths behind Pride of Tsingto, the winner of 1931 Autumn champions, and Gladiator belonging to the same owner found King's Warden too good in 1935, losing by two lengths.

Mr. W. H. S. Davis, who has been booked to steer Sapper and Eve of Harvest, has never piloted a pony to victory in any of the Autumn champion events, but I cannot see any contender to deprive him of riding two classic winners to-morrow.

While on the subject I cannot also see anybody to deprive Mr. D. Black of becoming the champion jockey of this season. Last Sunday Mr. L. B. Chao rode four winners, with the inclusion of a hat-trick in Macao, and this has, of course, increased his aggregate to 30 successes. He requires four more wins to be ahead of Mr. Black, who has a ratio of 33-12-10, but judging from the reservation of his mounts I have reason to predict that the Chinese aspirant will not be able to achieve that success to-morrow.

Jockey Leaders
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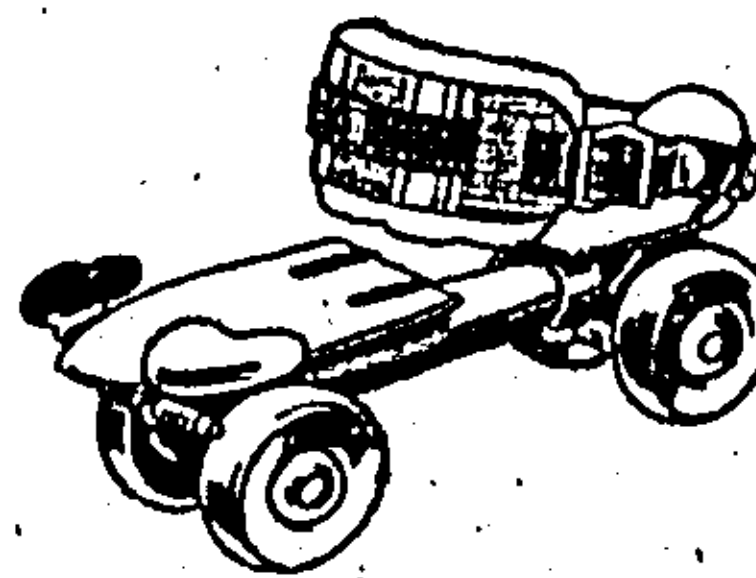
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Sapper Seems Assured Of Winning Australians' Champion Stakes

THE QUEENSLAND Autumn Champions for Australian ponies is worth \$1,000 to the winner, with \$300 and \$200 for second and third ponies, but there will not be more than half dozen starters and I would make the list of nominations as follows:

Baffin Bay	V. V. Needa
Sapper	W. H. S. Davis
Viceroy	D. Black

It is almost as certain as the sun will rise on the morrow that Sapper will run away with the

classic with Viceroy and Baffin Bay to trail the leader.
Far View, Amicus Curiae and Lancashire Chips will not be starting.

Final Handicap

Curtain Falls On 1940 Season

THE LAST EVENT of 1940's racing season will be the Final Handicap for "D" class China ponies and it is a mile run.

Jack O'Lantern with Mr. Black up has been well polished by the gentleman in charge of the avoidupols with two pounds of lead over the bottom weight. But the pony is like one of those cheap stopwatches—running either too fast or slow, and he hardly gave us a good run for the money. Mr. Black may be able to make his go.

By virtue of his win in Macao, The Leopard has incurred a penalty of 7 lb., and this may hinder the pony's chances. On the book Sunlight View looks good, but her gallop of last Wednesday with Mr. Peter Wei did not impress me.

I have not seen Eve of Peace for a long time, but being a griffin of this season the mare should be considered.

Royal Highness is not a reliable runner and I would much prefer to see Mr. Needa in the saddle than Mr. Ip Kul-ying.

Salvage Master does not appear to be in the pink of condition, but I understand that the mare is hard to train.

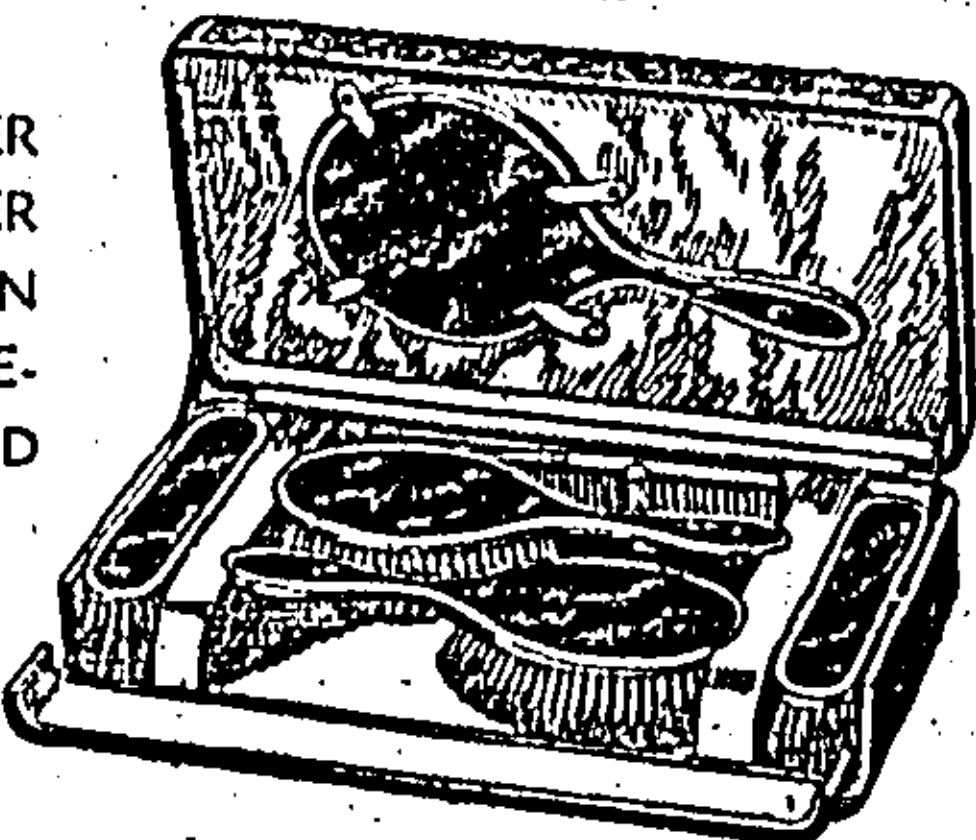
Piet Hein looks a good thing, but is he a miller? Taking everything in the balance this will be the hardest event to spot the winner. I will, however, make my final selections to-morrow.

Saints' Hockey Team
The following will represent St. Andrew's men in a hockey match against C.B.A. 2nd eleven to-morrow at 4.30 p.m. on the C.B.A. ground: Turpin, White and Curry; Tomlinson, Coles and H. Millington; Smith, Davies, Kemp, O. L. Drope and L. Millington.



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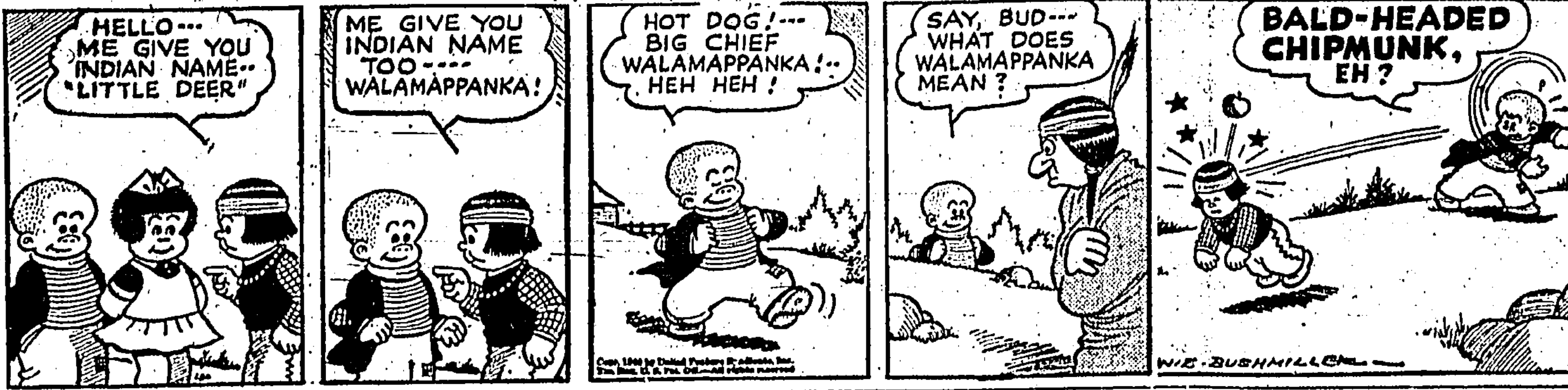
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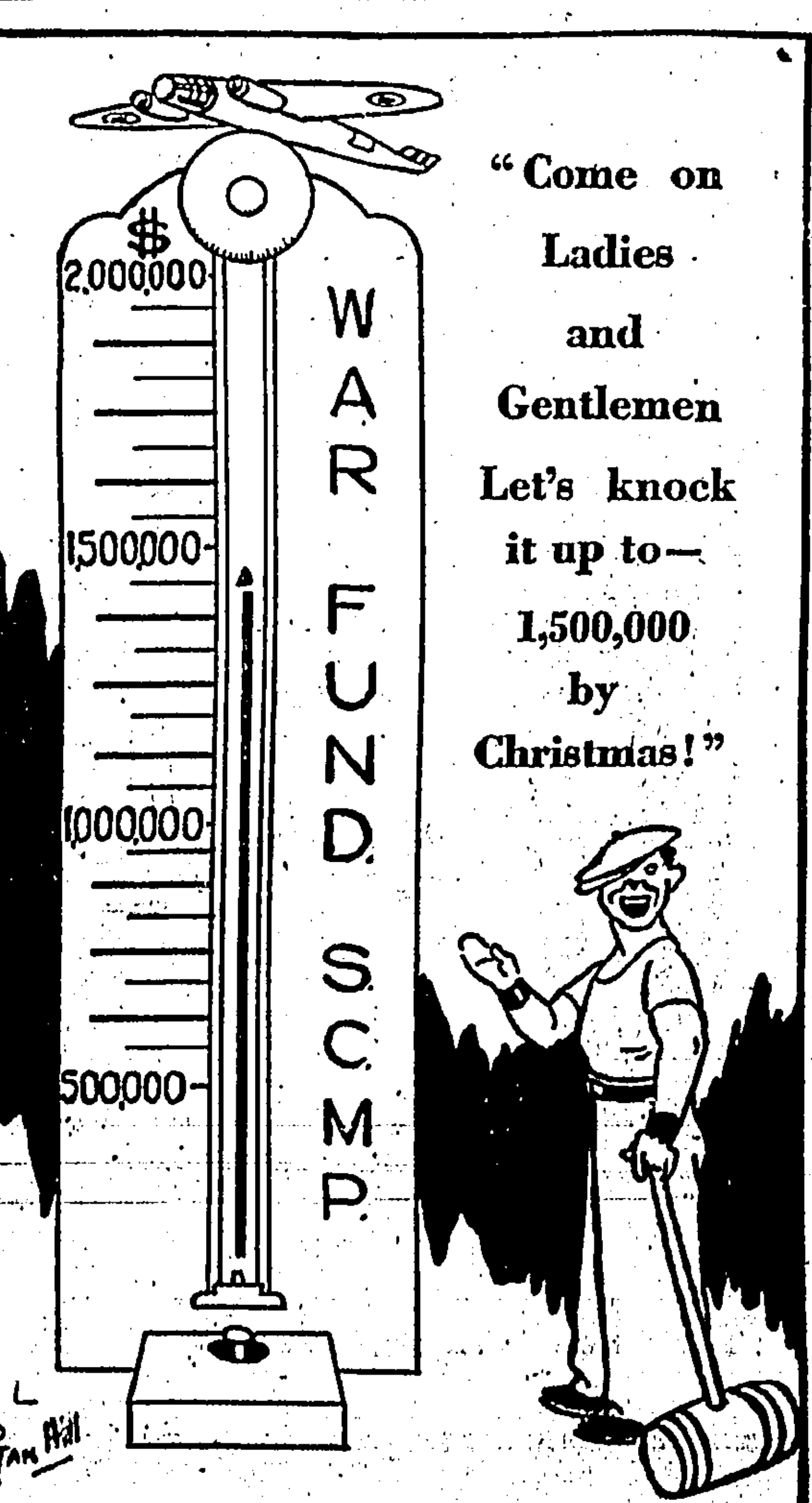
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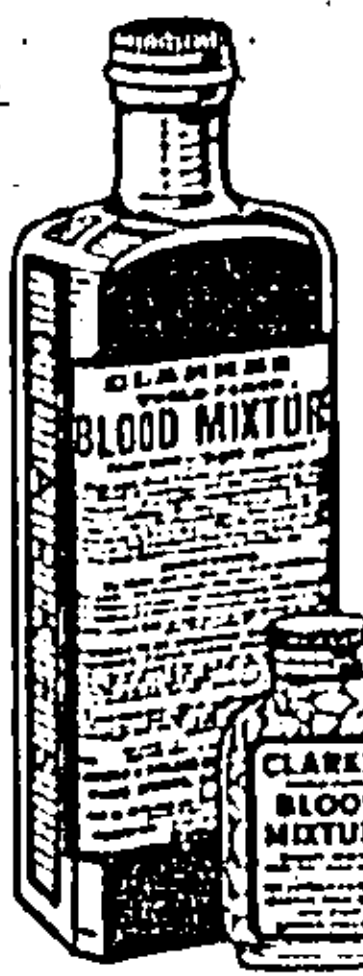
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Compulsory Service
Tribunal Decisions

After a lapse of three months, the Compulsory Service Tribunal held another public session at the Council Chamber yesterday. Sixteen cases were considered, and of these one person was exempted, six were assigned to the Essential Services group, two to the Key-Post group and two to the Combatant group, while the others were adjourned.

The Tribunal comprised Mr Justice E. H. Williams (Chairman), Lt-Comdr L. L. Tollemache, Major R. E. Moody, Mr E. Davidson, Mr C. Blaker and Mr C. Bramall Burgess (Clerk to the Tribunal).

Mr R. Anderson, banker and former manager of the Bank of Canton in New York, told the Tribunal that his home was in Shanghai and that he only came down to Hongkong because he could not stand the cold there. He expected to remain here for the winter. He had served right through the last war and had no objection to doing anything he could during his stay here. In view of his age, which was 47, Mr Anderson was assigned to the Essential Services group.

A medical student at Hongkong University, Mr R. J. Barnes said that he was an Air Raid warden and preferred to remain so rather than become a Volunteer because he had not the time to attend parades. The Chairman remarked that Mr Barnes, who was 18 years of age, seemed rather young to be an Air Raid warden, and adjourned the case in order to consult Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions.

Intends to Go Home
Expressing a preference to rejoin the Volunteer Defence Corps which he quitted some time ago on leaving the Colony, Mr H. D. Bruce was assigned to the Combatant group. Mr Bruce said that at the time he resigned from the Volunteers he did not expect to return to Hongkong. His present intention was to go to England, but in the meantime he would gladly rejoin the Corps.

Both Mr B. E. Fielder and Mr H. A. Hyndman, aged 51 and 54 respectively, were assigned to the Essential Services group as they had previously expressed the wish to be enrolled in that section.

As he was not yet fit to undergo strenuous training as the result of an operation, the case of Mr A. R. Kinross was deferred for three months. Mr Kinross had previously appeared before the Tribunal and at that time it was stated that he was about to undergo an operation and that upon recovery he would join the Volunteers.

The statement that he had been to Singapore to offer his services and had been advised to leave was made by Mr R. B. Levkovich, whose case was adjourned for further inquiries. Mr Levkovich handed in a prepared statement, part of which was read out by the Chairman.

This was to the effect that on October 16 Mr Levkovich went to Singapore where he was attached to the 7th Battery at Changi. Whilst there he was frequently advised by the officers to return to Shanghai. The Commander also asked him to make a full statement as to why he left his position in Shanghai and after having read this he advised him to return there since he was only recently married.

Feared for Inquiries
The Chairman: I think we will postpone your case in order to make further inquiries in view of what you have written.

Mr Levkovich: Shall I join the Volunteers now?

The Chairman: No, don't do anything yet until we have made inquiries.

The case of Mr J. W. McDonald was also deferred as he said he would only be in Hongkong until February. Mr McDonald added that he was a member of the Shanghai Volunteers and that he was in Hongkong only in connection with business. His contract with his employers was due to expire in the middle of February and unless his wife, who was in Shanghai, was allowed to join him in Hongkong, he would not renew it. However, should anything happen in the meantime, he would be only too pleased to do his bit.

On the ground that he was not a resident of Hongkong and was only here on business, Mr K. E. Mogra was exempted. Mr Mogra said that he was a purchasing agent for the Chinese Government and his stay in Hongkong was only for the purpose of negotiating for the release of certain goods in Halphong.

Superintendent of the A.P.C. installations at North Point, Mr R. S. T. Pigott was re-assigned to the Key-Post group, to which he was posted before his transfer to Manila. A Police Reservist for the past six years, Mr A. J. Savitsky, a commercial artist of the Advertising and Publicity Bureau, was posted to the Essential Services group.

Government Servant
Mr C. R. Smirke, an employee in the Immigration Department, was told by the Chairman that as he was a Civil Servant, he came under the control of the Government by whom he would be assigned. Mr Smirke was once posted in the Combatant group but was allowed to quit as he was then employed by the Military authorities.

A former Police officer in Shanghai and now one of the armed guards at the Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, formed for the purpose of protecting the docks, Mr J. W. Stewart was assigned to the Key-Post group. Mr Stewart said that the armed guards were set up by the Company after the place had become a protected area. All the guards had been exempted from Volunteer service, and in fact two of them were actually released by the Corps Commandant.

As he was already a qualified Air Raid Warden, Mr C. T. Tod, Shipping Manager of Jardine, Matheson and Co., was assigned to the Essential Services group.

An electrical engineer in the employ of Jebsen and Co. and who can speak German, Italian and French, Mr O. P. Vagnone was posted to the Essential Services group.

At one time a member of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Mr W. Whiting, an unemployed wire-
less operator, was assigned to the Combatant group. Mr Whiting said:

STOCK MARKET
REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: The market was less active to-day, trading being on a smaller scale.

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$74
Wharves \$92
Providents \$5.50
Hotels \$3.45
Lands \$33.50
Humphreys \$7.75
Trams \$17.50
Star Ferries \$50.50
Lights "N" C.D. \$7.10
Electricity "O" \$40
Cements \$18.10
Watsons \$10.25
Entertainments \$7
Constructions \$1.60

Sellers

Cements \$19.50
Vibro Piling \$7.70

Sales

H.K. Banks \$1,365
Docks "O" \$18
Providents \$5.50
Watsons \$10.50

ed the Chairman why Government should now call him up again since it had dispensed with his services in the R.N.V.R.

The Chairman: We have no record of that. I presume they gave you reasons?

Mr Whiting: None whatever. I asked Comdr Petrie and he told me he did not know what transpired between the Governor and the Commodore. My services were dispensed with on September 25.

The Chairman: At any rate, since you are free it is up to us to assign you to what group we think fit.

Mr Whiting: That is very well, but can a man, whose services with the Naval Volunteers have been dispensed with, be put in the Military?

The Chairman: I think that has been done in one or two cases. We must assign you to the Combatant group.

Mr Whiting: I am only too willing.



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Ulster M.P.'s Sensational Charge U-Boats Call At Eire For Petrol Supplies

MR. JAMES LITTLE, M.P. for Co. Down, Northern Ireland, recently from Belfast challenged Mr. de Valera to prove that U-boats operating in the Atlantic off the west coast of Ireland were not being refuelled and re-victualled from Eireann ports.

He was emphatic that the U-boats openly sailed into quiet western Eireann ports, picked up petrol and oil, and even fresh vegetables.

Dr. Little, who made this accusation at a meeting of his constituents, amplified the story to the "Sunday Express." He declared:—

"It is common property that the U-boats go into western Ireland ports and get what they want. It is up to Eire to meet this challenge, by saying that this is not true. The information I have come from personal observers. They have told me what they saw, and I have no reason at all for disbelieving them."

"So far as I can find there is ample evidence that Mr. de Valera is turning a blind eye to this regular service to the U-boats. We have the statement of Mr. Lees-Smith in Westminster that if we had bases on the Irish west coast we could solve the problem of the sinkings there by U-boats."

Could Save Many Lives

"We have to send our patrols from the English Channel. That doubles the journey. If we had ports on the west of Ireland we could save thousands of lives and thousands of tons of shipping and protect as well our child evacuee ships."

"Irish sailors are going through hardship and suffering to bring petrol into this country, yet they see some of this petrol going to their enemies through Eire. What we want is a denial from Eire officially that this traffic is going on or, alternatively, a solemn promise that it will cease. I cannot understand why a Chris-

tian nation would have any part in the devilry going on off the west coast of Ireland.

"Yet if one of our ships were to go within the three-mile limit the crews would be captured and interned at once. This cannot go on, and Eire, being neutral, must put a stop to it."

Enlisted In A.I.F. At 15

A youth of 15 who had run away from home and enlisted in the A.I.F.—only to be discharged later because he was under age—pleaded guilty in Quarter Sessions to having broken into a shop.

The accused, Arthur George Clarke, 15, pleaded guilty to a charge of having broken into a shop at Urralla on Sept. 19 and stolen six billiard balls. The Judge was informed that Clarke was now serving a sentence of two months, passed on him at Tramworth for having illegally used a motor-car at the time of the Urralla offence.

The Judge said he would recommend that representations be made that the accused be released from the Tramworth sentence.



CAROL ARRESTED — Exiled King Carol of Rumania and girl-friend, Magda Lupescu, were put under guard in polite form of arrest at Seville, Spain. Above, Carol leaving automobile in Madrid, after flight from Rumania.

Barbara Hutton--Cary Grant Romance Talk

COUNTESS Haugwitz Reventlow (Barbara Hutton) and Cary Grant, hero of many famous films, are being linked together by friends who whisper of an engagement announcement soon.

Cary and the Woolworth heiress have been seen together frequently at night clubs, theatres, and so on in New York.

After the former Miss Hutton's marriage to Count Reventlow had been dissolved, report said that there would be an early engagement to Robert Sweeney, who was British golf champion in 1937.

WEDDING BELLS

At one time last year wedding bells were also expected to ring for Cary Grant, who is British-born, and Phyllis Brooks, the young Hollywood actress. But Miss Brooks, said they had decided that if they were married soon it would not be convenient for her work.

Do Crystal Palace Towers Guide Nazis?

ARE the Crystal Palace towers responsible for the bombing of the surrounding suburbs?

The people of South London believe that the two great towers, nearly 300 feet high and known as a landmark all over the world, are guiding the Nazi planes.

In the last war, according to a German commander's post-war reminiscences, the enemy were ordered not to hit the Crystal Palace itself. It was too useful to the raiders as a signpost.

Ever since the war began there has been an agitation for the removal of the two useless towers, the only part of the Palace left after the fire four years ago.

Last June the people of South London rejoiced when they heard that the towers had been sold for scrap. They would yield 1,000 tons of iron.

For a short time the citizens who live beneath the shadow of the towers watched men at work on the North tower. The work did not get very far, and soon stopped altogether.

For nearly two months nothing more was done. Six weeks ago men were again seen at work, this time on the South tower.

A Meeting
Feeling against the towers is so strong in the thickly populated and much-bombed areas of South London that a meeting of the Palace trustees is to be held to discuss the matter.

Sir Henry Buckland, general manager of the Palace, will preside, and Mr. George Cohen, of George Cohen and Sons, Stepney, who has the contract for demolition, will attend.

Sir Henry does not sympathise with those who fear that the towers bring danger to their homes.

He told reporters: "I live near the Palace, and my house has been bombed, but I think that was due to indiscriminate bombing. We have suffered no more than other London districts, and much less than some areas."

"Hate Towers"
But another prominent resident in the area said: "I am convinced that the towers are helping the enemy, and I know that my opinion is shared by hundreds of people."

"You have only to ask the occupants of the houses and shops near the Palace to find out how much they hate the sight of the towers."

The A.R.P. officer of an important factory in South London said: "From my observations as a spotter on the roof I feel convinced that the Germans are using the towers as a guide, particularly in daylight."

Mr. George Cohen believes that the towers should come down as soon as possible.

"HOLD MY HAT" Said Bombed Child

While Civil Defence squads were dealing with a fire caused by an oil bomb just outside some commercial premises in a London district a high explosive bomb hit a surface shelter in the courtyard of a block of Council flats.

Immediately a large rescue party was mobilised, and of the women who were in the shelter 12 were rescued who had received only minor injuries.

Soon Got Busy
Some more serious casualties were near the dividing wall of the shelter which had collapsed.

Women who were in the shelter and members of the rescue party marvelled at the coolness and courage of six-year-old Dollie Sadler. She was plucked down by one of her legs, but she said to someone near her: "Please hold my hat and I can dig myself out."

She was busy removing pieces of debris with her hands when one of the rescue party released her.

War Office Takes Over A Case

"Owing to the serious nature of the charges, the War Office wants to take over this case, and make it an example to the rest of the men in the Forces."

An officer of the Royal Norfolk Regiment said this when seven men of the regiment were charged recently with stealing from a house which had been damaged by air bombardment.

He applied for the men to be handed over to military custody to be dealt with by general court-martial.

THIS BOMB JUST MISSED —HITLER!

It is permitted now to disclose that Madame Tussaud's wax-works exhibition, famous all over the world, was damaged in one of the recent raids on London.

Had the bomb dropped a few yards nearer, Hitler might have scored a direct hit, not only on the British Cabinet, all the kings and queens of England alive and dead, and most of the well-known murderers, but also on himself and Mussolini, Goering and Co.—all, of course, in wax.

Beatty's Tumble

As it was, although the adjoining cinema was wrecked and glass was shattered all through the restaurant, Beatty was the only wax-work to fall (it happened to be rather close to the door).

Jean Batten's flying goggles were twisted, and a lace veil was wrapped round Queen Victoria's head, leaving the old lady peering suspiciously through one eye at this unfamiliar world.

Otherwise, the waxworks were undamaged. Even Hitler and Mussolini, admitted an official regretfully, had escaped.

The British Cabinet sat unmoved at their desks, Churchill smiling benignly in the centre, and paying no attention at all to a number of women's arms and legs (in wax) spread before him—taken from models which had had to be stripped of their dust-covered costumes.

A few years ago a fire gutted Madame Tussaud's, which had to be entirely rebuilt.

Escaped
A small part of the building, however, escaped that fire, and this part, as well as the main block, also escaped Hitler's bomb.

Nobody was killed in this building. The caretakers were sheltering in the basement, and were unhurt, and the only man sleeping on the first floor was able to climb out of a window from a room that had collapsed all round him.

He was suffering from shock.

King Visits Censors At Their Work

While the one hundred thousandth story was being censored at the Press and Censorship Bureau of the Ministry of Information in London, the King and Queen walked in.

Mr. Ernest Hunter, chairman of the Press Committee and president of the National Union of Journalists, and Mr. J. H. Brebner, Director of the News Division, were presented to the King.

While they were chatting with the reporters present the King and Queen heard through the microphone a bulletin giving details of their visit to the Ministry.

TRIBUTE TO WOMEN

"I am proud to see how the women of Glamorgan, are standing up to air raids. It shows they will not allow the country to go down."

This tribute was paid to the women of Glamorgan by Sir William Jenkins, M.P. (Lab., Neath, Glam.), before the County Standing Joint Committee.

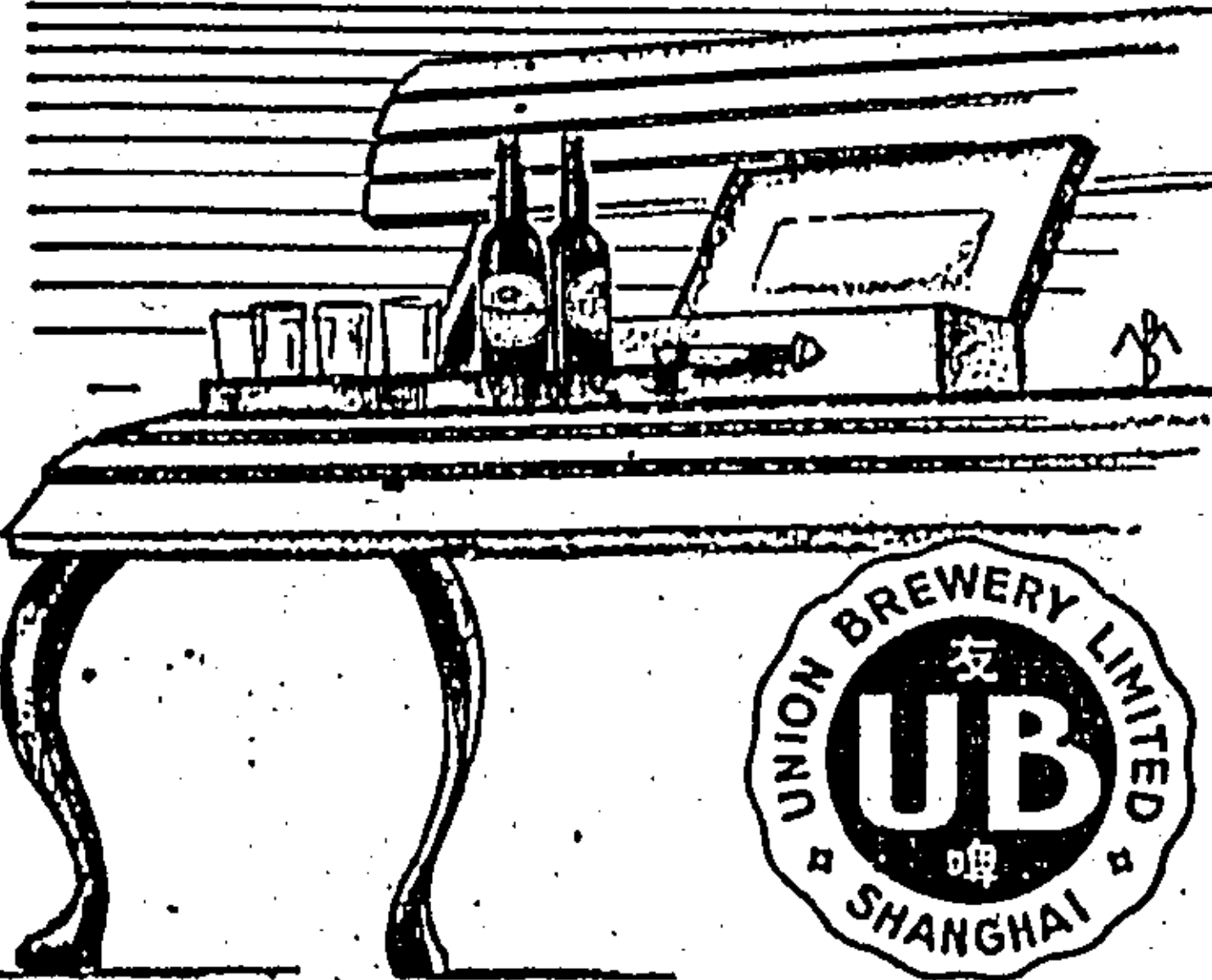
Denouncing scaremongers, Sir William said they intended taking immediate proceedings against alarmists, who were "in the enemy's camp."

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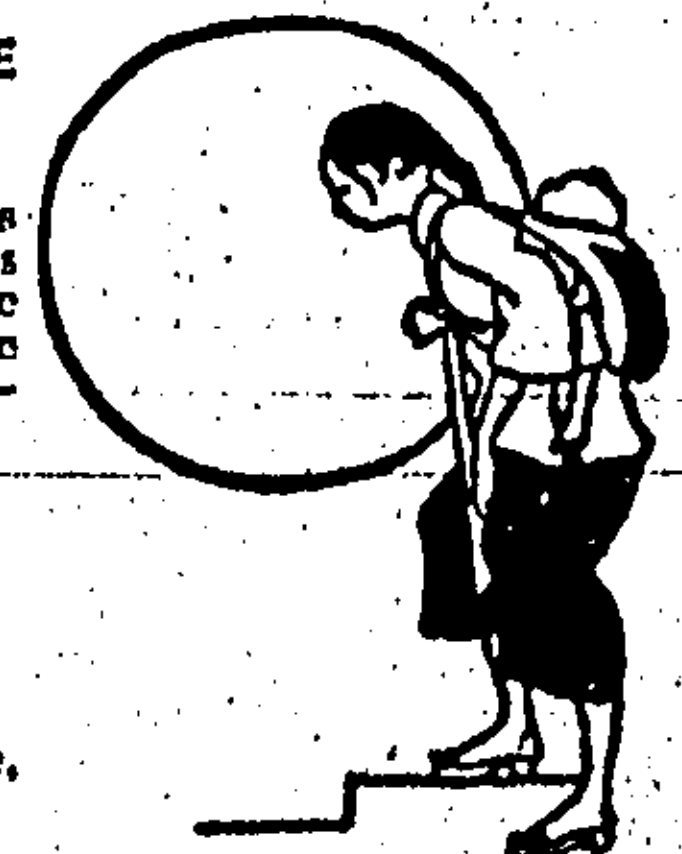
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HONGKONG'S NEWS OF THE WEEK

Every Monday the "Telegraph" publishes a full-page-of-local news covering the whole of the preceding week.

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Lord Lothian's Sudden Death In Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (Reuter).—With tragic suddenness the death occurred to-day of Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to Washington, after an illness which lasted only a few hours.

Yesterday afternoon Lord Lothian complained of being indisposed and cancelled his visit to Baltimore where he was to address the American Farm Bureau Association's dinner. The speech he had prepared for delivery there was read by Mr. Neville Butler, Counsellor of the Embassy.

During the night the illness developed and he died at 3 a.m. to-day. Stating that the cause of his death was uremic infection, United Press declares that Lord Lothian became ill on Sunday but recovered quickly, only to have a relapse.

Philip Henry Kerr, 11th Marquis of Lothian, was born in 1852, and was educated at the Orotary School, Birmingham, and New College, Oxford. He was a son of Major-General Lord Ralph Kerr and a cousin of the 10th Marquis.

Going to South Africa, he was one of the brilliant young men who assisted Lord Milner in the task of pacification after the South African war. He was assistant secretary to the Inter-colonial Council of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony and of the committee of the Central African Railways. In 1907 he served as secretary to the Transvaal Indigene Commission.

Took Up Journalism
Resigning in 1908, he edited the South African publication *The State* for a year and then returned to England where he did further journalistic work. Joining the group of writers for *The Round Table*, he was made its editor in 1910. When in 1916 Lloyd George became Prime Minister of the Coalition Government, Lothian was one of his private secretaries, his domain being foreign affairs.

In 1931 he visited Russia and interviewed Stalin who, he said, was not a hard-faced politician, but a quiet man with a gentle eye. When the National Government was formed in 1931, he was made Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, a member of the Round Table Conference, he was appointed in 1931, Under-Secretary for India, a post which he held until 1932. He accepted office on a specific undertaking that the Government meant to honour its letter and spirit the Premier's pledge to extend a measure of responsible government to India.

Loved by Moslems
Lothian earned the gratitude of Moslems by securing the return to India of a holy robe on which is said to be inscribed the whole of the Koran. Taken from India during the Mutiny, it is now displayed at the Moslem University of Aligarh. Lothian, in 1938, headed the United Kingdom delegation to the unofficial British Commonwealth Relations Conference at Sydney.

In April 1939, Lothian was appointed ambassador in Washington in succession to Sir Ronald Lindsay, taking up his duties in the late summer. Still a bachelor, he had two unmarried sisters, Lady Anne and Lady Margaret Kerr to act as his hostesses.

In October Lothian left for Britain and had long discussions with the country's leaders. On his return to America on November 23 he was reported to have stated in an interview "Something will have to be done about our finances. Our financial

H.K. Evacuees Indignant Failure Of Petition

Bitter disappointment was expressed in Sydney last night by wives who have been evacuated from Hongkong, at the rejection of a petition to the colonial office that they should be allowed to return, states Sydney Sunday Sun and Guardian of November 24.

Following the announcement by the Hongkong Government three weeks ago that compulsory evacuation of the wives and children would be discontinued, many of them had built up hopes of returning.

The petition to the Colonial Office in London was signed at a mass meeting of husbands on November 8 in Hongkong, and official rejection carried the explanation that there was no prospect of improvement in the Far-Eastern political situation which would justify return of evacuees.

"To us who have been evacuated against our will it seems wrong that some should be allowed to remain while we are not permitted to return," said Mrs. Ford of Campbell-parade, Bona.

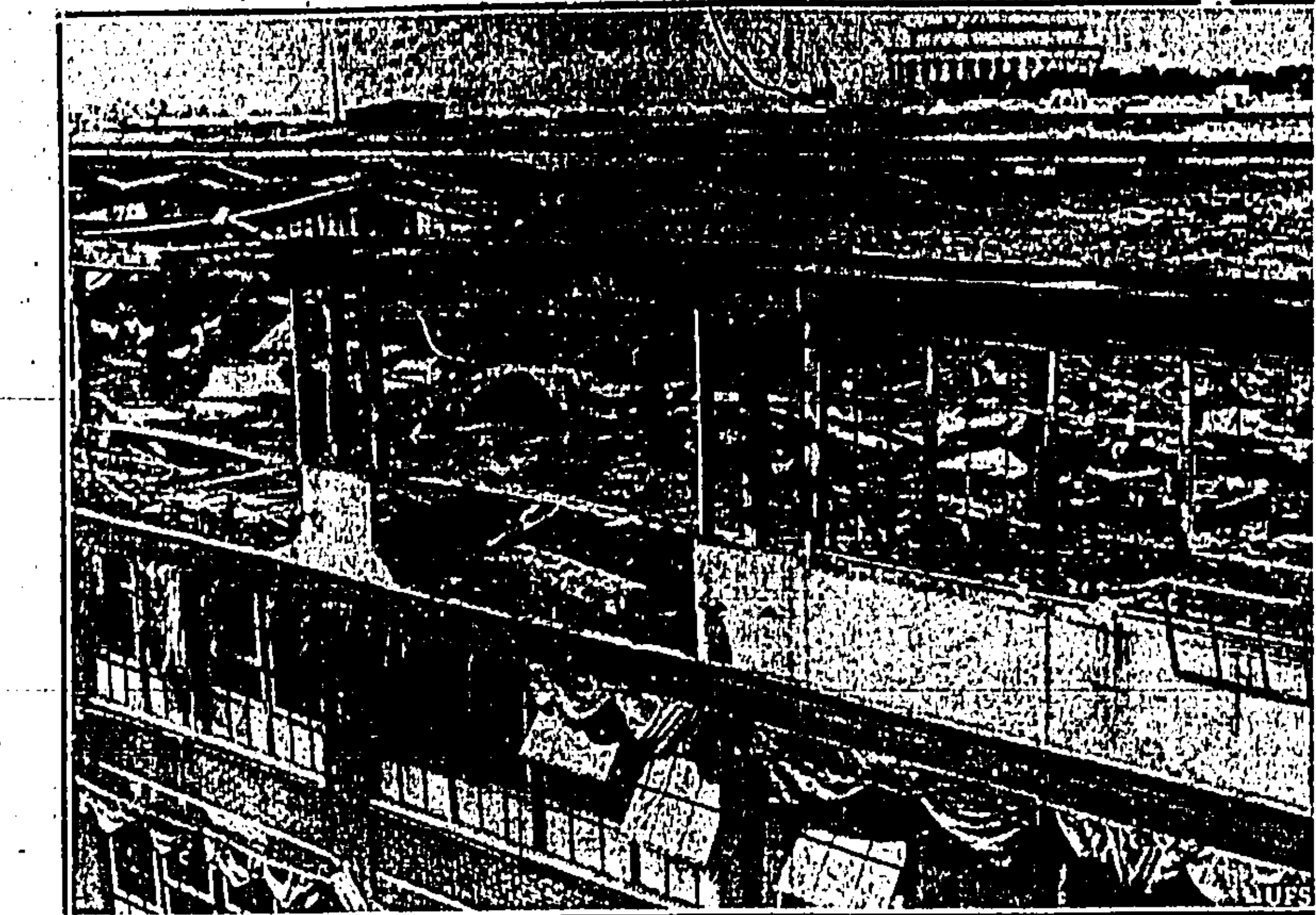
Another evacuated wife burst into tears when informed by the Sunday Sun of the decision of the Colonial Office.

She said she had planned her hopes on returning to her husband in a few weeks.

Several others were indignant, as well as upset.

"We must take a philosophical view of it," said Mrs. Helen Duncan, of Potts Point. "Personally, I think it very wise of the authorities to keep us here as a provision of safety."

An appeal on behalf of the Hongkong Benevolent Society, particularly in regard to the needs of children at Christmas-time—was broadcast over ZBW by His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, last evening.



SECRET DATA SAVED—Washington officials are making extensive investigation of the fire that recently swept part of the War Department Munitions Building in Washington, endangering Army code books and other secret records, which were saved.

Appreciation Of Lady Late Mrs Gellion

The following appreciation is written by "A Friend":
By the death of Mrs. F. J. Gellion, the little Colony of Macao has lost an outstanding and distinguished personality.

Though the deceased lady was only 42 years of age at the time of her death, she was able for a generation to influence Macao Society as no other member of the community, not through any self-imposed domination, but due to her good example and moral worth, her influence being profound and distinctly beneficial.

The deceased lady disliked ostentation, she disliked pretence, she abhorred scandal, and the influence she exerted was only that of kindness and goodness.

No deserving cause ever failed upon her without a generous and hearty response. The poor and needy always found her not only ready to give material help but also kindly encouragement, while a smile for every one helped many on their way.

It will be encouraging for her bereaved husband and the relatives of the deceased lady to think that she leaves a wonderful memory behind of acts of kindness, encouraging words, and help where it was needed. Many tell of her ever-ready ear in which they could unburden their cares, while as a hostess, hundreds will look back upon her charming, delightful entertainments, brightened by her pleasing presence, and infectious smiles, as events which stand out conspicuously in the social round of Macao.

Her friends were not limited to Macao alone, and are counted by scores in Hongkong and in many other places in the Far East, and are ever connected to a large circle of society but extend to the most lowly, and their presence at her funeral which was one of the most imposing that has been seen in Macao, testified to the popularity of a good and noble lady.

She lived to make others happy, and leaves behind a lovely memory.

FURTHER \$1,000 FOR BOMBER FUND

A local Hollander yesterday sent a donation of \$1,000 to the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with an accompanying letter which stated:

"I was struck by the letter, which appeared under 'Latest' in yesterday's Final Edition of *The Hongkong Telegraph*, and I agree with the statement therein that it should not be difficult to see the Bomber Fund reach the \$1,500,000 mark before Christmas."

"I am sending you \$1,000, and would ask you, if anyone possible, to acknowledge this as follows: 'A Dutchman's Christmas card for Hitler.'"

A total of \$1,400,495.58 was reached yesterday by the War Fund, with the following donations:

Collected at Week's End from members of A.S.C. Coy. (I.K.V.D.C.) 133.43
Mr. L. A. Storling (Oct. Nov. and Dec.) 150
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Gloucester Hotel (Musical Box) 60.28
Jimmy's Kitchen (Musical Box) 12.20

Photographer's Clash With London Police

A SCENE between a photographer and a policeman after a bomb explosion in the West End was described at Marlborough Street recently.

Leslie Murray (34), cinema photographer, of Uphill Grove, Mill Hill, who, it was stated, was highly commended by the War Office for his photographic work at Narvik, was fined 20s. for obstructing the police officer.

DUTCH CAPTURE Nazi Ship Fails To Reach Home

London, Dec. 12.

The Admiralty to-day announced, "The Royal Netherlands Navy ship *Van Kinsbergen* yesterday intercepted the German steamship *Rhein*, 3,031 tons, in West Indies waters. The crew of the *Rhein* set the ship on fire and attempted to scuttle her. This was frustrated by the prompt and gallant action of a boarding party from the *Van Kinsbergen*.

"This incident in the Western Atlantic illustrates the widespread effective co-operation being rendered the Royal Navy by the Royal Netherlands Navy."—*British Wire*.

This is the first report of activity by a Dutch warship in the Western Hemisphere. The *Van Kinsbergen* is a destroyer of 1,700 tons and carries four 47 guns. She was used in Germany as a training ship.

AUXILIARY NURSES PASS TESTS

Examinations Results

The following candidates satisfied the examiner at the recent First Aid Examination at the Queen Mary Hospital and will receive St. John Ambulance certificates in due course: Dorothy Ascoug, Sarah Abdullah, Joan Armstrong, Doris Brooks, Marie Botelho, Nora Bascombe, Mary Bander, Jean Baker, Margaret Bunje, Sister St. Cecilia, Kathleen Cronin, Lily Chan, Christine Corra, Clemencia Cock, Jean Cholmers, Leopoldine Corra, Margaret Clark, Mary Chan, Jeanne Chan, Eva Davidson, Nora Dillon, Mary Donnelly, Beryl Farrar, Mabel Fielder, Mary Fielder, Lily Franklin, Marjorie Fordham, Jane Fraser, Sister St. Gertrude, Marjorie Grindley, Vera Gavriloff, Margaret Guttinger, Lillian Howie, Gudrun Heiberg, Caroline Howell, Jessie Holland, Madeline Haynes, Margaret Harrison, Margaret Pearson, Doris Lemmon, Sarah Logan, Florence Lammet, Bette May, Ida Montgomery, Eileen Medley, Winifred Margaret, Ann Moodie, Jean Oppen, Suzanne Hutton-Potts, Gwendoline Priestwood, Lily Paul, Agnes Peters, Kathleen Roselle, Richie Raymond, Pauline Safford, Doris Simpson, Margaret Stirling, Peggy Sharp, Gladys Skinner, Marjory Stuart, Pamela Turnbull, B. Thompson, Dorothy Wilson, Frances Webber, Wong Po-in, Nora Witcheil, Nora Wentworth, W. Yu.

The undermentioned members have now completed their 96 hours hospital training in the wards and gained their proficiency certificate: Olga Archangelosky, Mary Bruce, Ethel Byrne, Chue Tsan-hung, Diana Dodwell, Grace Darby, Margery Fortescue, Julia Fuller, Nina Goldenberg, Millicent Joffe, Sister Marie de Sacrement, Sister Marie de Victoire, Sally Moir, Kathleen Moir, Elizabeth Rodgers, Eileen Redmond, Sister St. Stanislas, Margaret Taylor, Katherine Uppenkensky, Crista Wonnack.

A new series of Home Nursing Lectures will commence at Queen Mary Hospital at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 1941. Will applicants please send in their names to the Hon. Secretary, Queen Mary Hospital, as early as possible.

The Hon. Secretary would be glad to receive the names of all members who are willing to volunteer to assist in Clinics—Out-patient Departments, etc., should extra assistance be required at any time.

Mr. W. A. O'Neill, Manager of Reuters, Ltd., at Hongkong was among the passengers who disembarked here yesterday from a Dutch liner from Manila.

Detective-Sergeant Marr said he was helping to keep sight-seers away. Murray, who was with three or four other men who were obviously Press representatives, tried to push past a war reserve policeman. He asked Murray to go away until things had quietened down and caught hold of him by the shoulder.

Police And Press

Murray shouted, "What are you, you fool. If you had any brains you would not be a police officer," and made to push past him. He could not do anything with him and therefore arrested him.

Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., who defended, submitted that although the police had great traditions of service and of great devotion to duty, the gentlemen of the Press had no less high traditions of service, and of devotion to duty.

"At the present time," he said, "history is being made and it is Murray's duty to record history as it is made with no thought of risk to himself."

Murray, in the witness-box, said he was employed by British Pictorial Productions, Ltd., who produced Universal news reels. There was no military object near the scene of the bomb explosion, and he began to take photographs for his story of the bombing of civilians.

His Special Pass

The police did not ask to see his special pass, although he repeatedly mentioned it.

Mr. Sandbach, the magistrate, said that while he agreed that Murray was doing extremely useful and important work the police also were doing work of at least as great utility and importance.

Mr. Roberts gave notice that there might be an appeal.

Buenos Aires Returning

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

Felipe Buenacmino who was recently convicted of conspiracy to defraud in connection with the Manila Railway bonds arrived to-day aboard the President Jackson en route to Manila.

In response to a request for an interview, he said that he regretted that the conditions of his parole precluded his complying with the request as the parole board's instructions specifically warned him against "publicity of any kind."

He appeared to be in good health and is obviously pleased to be going home. He came ashore this morning in company with several prominent Shanghai Americans with whom he is spending the day. He will sail on the same vessel early on Friday.—*United Press*.

Britons In Paris

Lisbon, Dec. 12.

About 600 British women were assembled in Paris on December 6 and entrained for a camp at Beaupre, according to a traveller who has just arrived from Paris. One woman was 84 years old.—*Reuter*.

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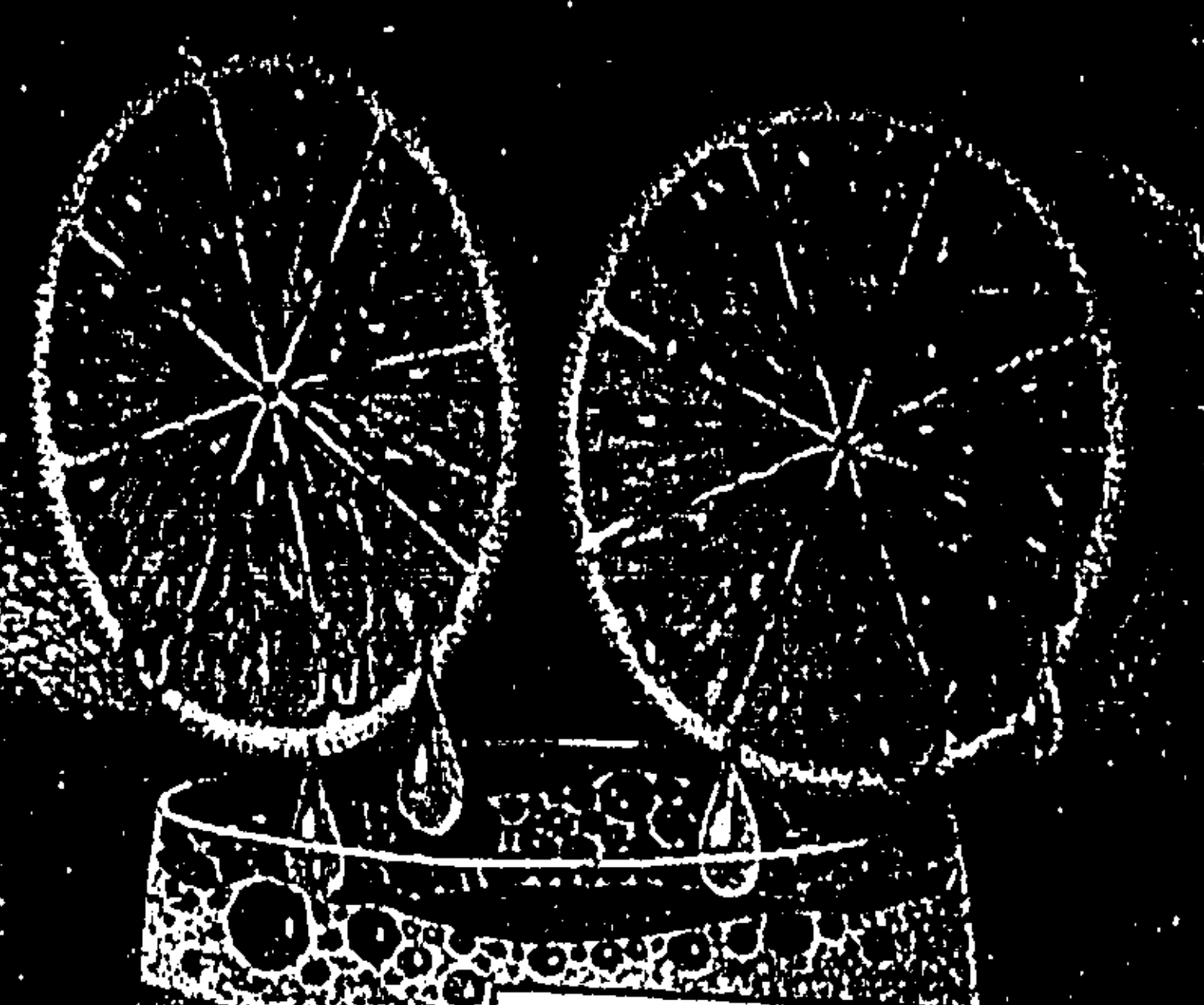
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ENVOY'S DEATH SHOCKS BRITAIN

FROM PAGE ONE

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Popular in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The news of Lord Lothian's death produced expressions of regret throughout the United States.

Tributes are paid to his "informal friendliness" and to his Baltimore speech which is described as "one of the best of his career and a level-headed approach to the problems of the day."

Lord Lothian was one of the most popular Ambassadors London ever sent to Washington.

The American press, who previously seldom ever saw the Ambassador, took to him from the very beginning. Every time he visited the White House or the State Department a large crowd of journalists awaited his exit. They were seldom disappointed for he always spoke as freely as circumstances permitted.

Sympathy is felt on all sides here for the British nation at the loss of a servant whose passing comes at the time of its maximum usefulness to his country in a period of international danger and crisis.

Early Nazi Raiders Fall Before R.A.F.

FROM PAGE ONE

was very severe. Six churches, eleven schools and two cinemas were among the buildings hit, and there was also damage done to house property in a number of districts.

Although the number of casualties include some fatalities, they are not believed to be heavy considering the scale of the attack.

Early raiders followed the usual course and dropped incendiary bombs. Later arrivals brought high explosive bombs and some were particularly heavy. Many fires were started, but the strenuous efforts of the Fire Services extinguished nearly all within a few hours.

The A.A. barrage was at one time heavier than on any previous occasions and caused the raiders to fly high.

Flaming Oil

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 12 (UP).—Flaming oil and explosive bombs hit eleven schools, six churches, two cinemas and a hospital in the longest raid of the war, but it was not as concentrated as previous attacks, and the damage and casualties were smaller.

Eton College Damaged

LONDON, Dec. 12 (UP).—Eton College and the Wembley Stadium football field were damaged in recent air raids. Parts of the ancient Eton buildings, including the famous stained glass chapel, were destroyed.

SPY'S APPEAL FAILS

Singapore, Dec. 12.—The Full Court to-day rejected the appeal of Mamoru Shinozaki, former press attache of the Japanese Consulate-General, who was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and fined \$1,000 in November for violation of the Official Secrets Act charging him with collection of information about defences and movements of troops.—Domei.

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Reuter).—The Prince Bernhard Fund has raised the money for two more bombers for the Royal Netherlands Navy. This fund now totals £810,000 of which £745,000 has been given to the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Italians Falling Back In Albania

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All along the 80-mile battle front it is fighting successfully and all Italian counter-attacks have been repulsed.

The left wing of the Greek army, said a spokesman in Athens, is continuing its advance towards Chimara, a coastal town on the Adriatic 20 miles north of Santa Qharanti. Further to the right the Italians at some places put up a very stiff resistance before they were finally dislodged from their positions with heavy losses.

The Italians employed the crack Alpine Corps in keen fighting in the coastal sector round Tepelini where a colonel is understood to have been killed and many of his men taken prisoner.

The Greek troops, taking advantage of the Italian retreat from Argyro-Castron, have advanced along the hills bordering the Pindus valley and are now approaching the Tepelini.

Bitter Weather

REUTERS ON ALBANIAN FRONT.—December 12.—The rhythm of the battle is being much slowed down by snow blizzards and bitter cold.

The Italians to-day made repeated counterattacks in the northern part of the front but all were repelled with great losses. The most severe fighting was in the Pogradetz sector where a position on the Greek right

SIDI BARRANI: FULL STORY

FROM PAGE ONE

left Italian hangars and machines shattered wreckage.

Breach In Line Effected

Details of the operation enabling a British motorised division to penetrate to the coast and to cut off the Italian forces at Sidi Barrani, were revealed to-night.

From the moment in September when General Graziani's troops reached Sidi Barrani, a famous mechanized regiment was given special instructions to harass the enemy as a specified point and to prevent them from completing the line of camps stretching from the coast to the southernmost camp.

For weeks the mechanized units carried out incessant attacks in the north, resulting in many clashes with the invaders. They kept open the gap in the enemy's front positions, and frustrated all attempts to complete the chain of highly fortified camps.

At zero-hour on Sunday, the breach was still open, thanks to this regiment's persistent attacks, and motorised units were able to drive in according to plan.

The breach was heavily assisted. The Greeks have maintained all positions captured in that area.

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